



“Success For All”

**NETHERHALL
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HIGH SCHOOL**

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Re: Update to Covid-19 Restrictions in school

Dear Parent/Carer

As we welcome students back to Netherhall Learning Campus High School today, we want to communicate with you directly about some important changes in school regarding Covid-19. These changes are intended to keep students and staff as safe as possible.

Face Coverings

From today, Tuesday 4th January 2022, in accordance with the latest government advice, we are asking that staff and students wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas such as corridors, halls and assemblies. We appreciate your support in advance by ensuring that your child has access to a face covering and that they bring this to school with them each day. We do have a small stock of face coverings available in school for those students who do not already have access to one.

The reintroduction of face coverings is intended as a temporary measure and as soon as we are able to relax this requirement we will communicate further with you. By reintroducing face coverings in classrooms we hope to avoid the need to return to measure such as ‘bubbles’ and remote learning.

Students will not be required to wear face coverings when outside or when talking part in activities such as PE or eating in the dining room.

Self-Isolation Rule Change

The government has issued new advice for those individuals who have to self-isolate following a positive PCR test. We wanted to highlight this advice to you as it has the potential to minimise disruption to any Covid-19 related absence. The 10-day self-isolation period for students who recorded a positive PCR test result has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Students may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those students who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of isolation. The first tests must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and the students does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after their second negative test result and return to school from day 8. The students who are unable to test will need to complete their full 10-day self-isolation.

The government announcement on this can be found at:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-covid-19-cases-reduced-from-10-days-to-7-days-following-negative-lfd-test>

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Contact with Positive Cases in School

The NHS remains responsible for the Test and Trace in England, schools do not currently have a role in contact tracing. However, to support students, staff and families, we will continue to distribute LFD tests (on request) and monitor student and staff symptoms in school. The current advice to students who are contacted as a close contact of a positive case is that they should take a lfd test every day for 7 days whilst remaining in school.

The link to this advice can be found here:

<http://www.gov.uk/publications/guidance-for-contact-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contact-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you again for all your support at this time.

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kent', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Michael Kent
Principal