

22nd October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware from the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday evening that Covid rates across the country are rising. This is particularly the case in the South West of England, where there has been a rapid rise in recent weeks.

As a result, when we return to school after the half term break, our local Director of Public Health has requested that we increase our measures to curb the spread of infection.

What we will be doing as a school

1. We will not be holding large gatherings with mixed age groups for at least two weeks after the half term break.
2. We will continue to enhance our cleaning routines.
3. We will keep spaces well ventilated; students are able to wear a City Academy logo jumper under their blazer, which is optional. If students want to wear a t shirt under their shirt it needs to be a plain white one.
4. We will continue to support the wider vaccination programme – please see the letter below from Sirona Health Care about how you can book a vaccine for your child if they did not have it in school for any reason.

What we need our families to do

1. Your child should come to school with a face covering **from Monday 1st November**. They should expect to wear this throughout the day. With the exception of those who are exempt from wearing a face covering for health reasons, students who do not bring a face covering to school will either have the option to purchase one on site, or they will be requested to return home to collect one. It would be sensible to ensure that your child has spares in their coat and blazer pockets and in their bag.
2. Students should take a test using the lateral flow devices provided **before returning to school on Monday 1st November**, and then continue to test at home twice weekly for the coming weeks.
If you need packs of tests, you or your child are able to collect some on Thursday 28th October between 10am and 12pm from school reception. Further supplies will be given to students during the term
3. Please ensure that your child stays at home if they are unwell with Covid symptoms. They must continue to stay at home until 24 hours after the fever passes. They should do so **even if they have tested negative for Covid 19**.
4. If someone in your household tests positive, all household members are encouraged to have a PCR test. Your child may still come to school until their own PCR test result comes through **if they take a lateral flow test each day and continue to receive a negative result**.

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As a reminder, the main symptoms of coronavirus are (NHS website):

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell and taste – this means you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Thank you for your considerable support throughout this period, and for your flexibility in working with these new, revised arrangements. We will be sure to contact you with any other changes as we are asked to make them in the interests of public health.

Best wishes

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20th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Community Clinics for COVID-19 Immunisation Programme for children aged 12 - 15

We are running community catch-up clinics for children aged 12 – 15 who were unable to receive their vaccine in school for any reason.

If you would like to make an appointment for your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at one of our community based clinics please click on the link below to book an appointment and, if necessary, you can complete the consent form. Whilst attending the COVID vaccination appointment you will also be offered the Flu vaccination and you can give consent while you are there if you so wish:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/covid19/2021/rebook>

As announced on 19th October you will also be able to book an appointment for your child to receive the COVID-19 at Mass Vaccination centres and booking for this will be through the National Booking Service. [Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If your child has had a positive PCR test result there will need to be a 28 day interval before they can receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

We will be running separate Flu only clinics, if you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine only you will receive a separate letter and link to book this in from your school

For more information, for young people, about the COVID-19 vaccination programme for this age group please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

For more information, for parents, about the COVID-19 vaccination programme for this age group please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

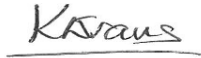
For more information about the Nasal Flu vaccination programme, please visit [Protect yourself against flu – information for those in school years 7 to 11 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Evans', is written over a thin horizontal line.

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