

12th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Due to the rising numbers of Covid cases in our area, when we returned to school after the half term break, our local Director of Public Health requested an increase in our measures to curb the spread of infections for at least the first two weeks of term.

We have now been advised to continue with these additional measures until at least the end of November.

What we are doing as a school

1. We will not be holding large gatherings with mixed age groups until at least the end of November.
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 and share any information that is passed to us about how those who are not yet vaccinated may access this service.

What we need our families to do

- Your child should continue to come to school with a face covering until at least the end of November. **Can you please ensure your child has a reusable face covering to bring to school on Monday.**
- They should expect to wear this throughout the day **in communal areas, unless exempt.**
- 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.
- Students should continue to take lateral flow tests at home twice weekly for the coming weeks. **If your child needs further supplies, they can collect testing kits from reception before school, at break or lunch time, or after school.**
- Please ensure that your child stays at home if they are unwell with Covid symptoms. They must continue to stay at home until 48 hours after the fever passes. They should do so **even if they have tested negative for Covid 19.**
- If someone in your household tests positive, 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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Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Tucker".

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