



14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Marshland Update March 2022**

As outlined in my last letter we regularly review guidance in relation to COVID. With increasing cases now evident in school, and in line with reports of a national increase, I write to update you on reintroducing some protective measures with effect from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Face Coverings**

Due to a significant increase in cases over the weekend, as from tomorrow, face coverings will be required in communal areas in school including at lesson changeover, to and from breaks (not required once on the playground). At this stage, masks are not compulsory in classrooms, however students and staff can choose to wear one if they wish to.

#### **Lateral Flow (LFD) Testing**

There is still no Government requirement for students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. However, if your child is displaying a temperature, persistent cough and/or loss of smell, you should seek a PCR test and advise us of the outcome as soon as possible.

You can still obtain lateral flow test kits from your local pharmacy, libraries or [online](#) until further notice.

#### **Self-isolation**

Whilst there is no legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, we are advising that students who test positive should continue to stay at home. Avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then follow latest guidance until 2 negative lateral flow test results are received on consecutive days (from day 5 and 6).

#### **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Due to the increases in COVID, it is with regret that we will be reverting to virtual meetings rather than face-to-face for the Year 11 Parents Evening on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Appointments should be booked in the usual way.

#### **Attendance**

It is really important for us to ensure that your child is in school unless they have tested positive under the new guidance or are too ill to attend. Too many children have missed a significant amount of education, so it remains vital they are in school.

We will of course update you on any additional changes as soon as possible. Your support is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully  
Mr Craig Jansen  
Headteacher