



22nd October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Marshland COVID Update

I am writing to update you on the current rise in COVID-19 cases and the measures we are asking you to take to ensure we protect our students and their families.

There are very rapid rises in case rates locally, as there are in other parts of the country. Cases in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire are highest amongst 11 to 16 year olds. The half-term break may slow down rising case rates and we will monitor this carefully, but there is a risk that rates will continue to rise following the half-term break.

Advice by the Director of Public Health, Dr Louise Smith, has been provided to schools outlining measures we should take to reduce risk of COVID transmission.

It is important that if your child has symptoms of COVID they should remain at home and request a PCR test. If the test is negative, students should return to school as soon as they are well. If the test is positive then they must self-isolate as instructed by NHS England.

The school will continue to ensure rooms are well-ventilated, meaning doors and windows will remain open where possible. As the weather is becoming much cooler, it is important that your child has a warm coat which can be worn in lessons.

Public Health England strongly encourage all students eligible to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

The government has announced that children 12 years and over can now book to have their COVID jab at an NHS vaccination centre. Parents can also consent for their child to receive their vaccination at school on 22nd November, delivered by NHS England. A link to provide consent was given in the letter sent to you on Monday 18th October, which can also be found on our website.

We strongly request that all students continue to undertake a twice-weekly lateral flow test, including during the half-term break. It is especially important that a lateral flow test is undertaken by students before returning to school on Monday 1st November.

All non-essential events where parents visit the school will now be held virtually until further notice.

If you have any questions, please email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break

Yours faithfully

Craig Jansen
Headteacher