



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Further to the letter sent to you by the Principal earlier this week, please find below some updated information regarding the current situation, including the reporting of results for lateral flow tests.

### **Masks**

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 **ALL** students and staff must wear masks in all communal areas of the school unless they are exempt. Students can wear masks if they wish to in the classroom or in outdoor areas. Please ensure your child comes to school with their own mask.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

This week we have distributed boxes of Lateral Flow Tests to all students to take home. Tests should be taken twice per week and all results – **negative, positive or void** are to be registered on the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

**Please see attached link of how to use the Lateral Flow Devices given out if you are unsure:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ShFIzJtaT8>

If your child tests positive, please register this on the Government website and then let the school know as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive test result.

**If your child receives a positive test result for Covid19, please email [info@mulberryutc.org](mailto:info@mulberryutc.org) with the details. This must include your child's name, tutor group and a copy or screen-shot of the positive test result that was sent to you by email or text message.**

### **When to isolate?**

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms:

- You have a high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell and taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:



- You have tested positive for Covid 19 – this means you have the virus
- Someone who you live with has tested positive for Covid 19 and you are not double vaccinated and over 18
- You have been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive

If you are double vaccinated and the person you live with has tested positive for the Omnicron variant, you will have to self-isolate for 10 days regardless of your vaccination status. You will be instructed by the Government if this is the case.

### **When you do not need to self-isolate**

Someone you live with has symptoms of Covid 19 or has tested positive for Covid 19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means that 14 days have passed since your final dose of a Covid 19 vaccine given by the NHS
- Your child is under 18 years and 6 months old
- You're taking part of have taken part in a Covid 19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Please check the NHS website for all regulations in relation to Covid 19 isolation - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Yours Sincerely,

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