



Dear Parent or Carer,

We hope you are enjoying the half-term break.

As you are probably aware, there have been some changes made to the Government guidance around COVID-19 procedures since the start of the holidays. This update covers the main points that will affect our College.

1. COVID Testing

The guidance is now that students are no longer encouraged to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests (LFT). However, we think it is sensible and considerate of others for your young person to complete a LFT on Sunday night, prior to returning to school and report the result to us in the normal way.

Please note we will no longer be supplying Home Testing Kits at this time, although this situation could change under guidance from health agencies.

2. Isolation Requirements

Although the legal requirement to isolate if you have tested positive for COVID (either by LF or PCR test) has been removed, please be aware NHS guidance is still that positive cases should isolate.

In addition to this, we will exercise our right under DfE guidance to refuse admission to any student with a confirmed case of COVID within the isolation period.

Please follow NHS guidance if your young person either tests positive for, or shows symptoms of, COVID-19. The full NHS guidance is here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

3. Close Contacts

If someone is a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID the guidance remains the same. This means they should continue their normal routine, including attending school, but should try and limit their contact with others where possible.

4. Face Coverings

There is no longer a requirement to wear face coverings at any time in school. However, of course if students would like to continue to wear them, we will support their right to do so.

5. Vaccinations

Although the risk to young people becoming seriously unwell from COVID is very low, we continue to encourage students to get their vaccinations when they become eligible to protect themselves and others. If you would like to book your young person in for their vaccination at a community venue please visit here: [Book a COVID vaccination](#)

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday. Please note, we start back on **Week B.**

If you have any questions regarding any of the points in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', with a small dot at the end.

Alan Salt
Principal