

Dear Varndean Families

Firstly, thank you for supporting the government's 'Plan B' measures, which have been in place since the start of the term. I can now update you following the recent announcements and the move back to 'Plan A'. Our message remains one of 'Keep Covid Out' and the following information applies from Monday 24th January:

Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to test twice a week using the lateral flow testing kits provided. This helps identify asymptomatic cases and reduce the spread of Covid in the classroom. If the LFT is positive and symptoms are present, please book a PCR test for your child and continue to inform the school through covid@varndean.co.uk of the outcome. If your LFT is positive but your child is asymptomatic, your child needs to isolate. Please inform us of the first day of isolation via covid@varndean.co.uk.

Self-isolation

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has now been reduced.

If your child tests positive, they need to isolate for the next 10 full days. However, they may stop isolating if they test negative on a LFT on day 5 and 6 and do not have a high temperature.

Face Coverings

While the government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in classrooms this week our view is that we should continue with this expectation for one more week i.e. until Friday the 28th of January. This will ensure that face coverings continue to be worn in corridors up until that date too in line with the new guidance. From the week beginning 31st January we will revert to expectations we had in the Autumn term and face coverings will only be required in the canteen (including in the queue).

As always, we will keep you informed of any other changes and thank you in advance for staying abreast of the changes with regards to Covid measures.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Kind regards
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