

24th February 2022

Dear Varndean Families

Welcome back to a new half-term and to new guidance issued from the Department for Education with regards to Covid.

Lateral Flow Testing

From Monday 28th February, there is not a requirement to continue with the twice weekly asymptomatic testing. We have distributed tests to students this week and encourage them to continue to use them so that asymptomatic infections can be identified.

Self-isolation

From today, you will not be *legally* required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. You should stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people. It is good public health practice to stay at home if you are unwell with covid or any other respiratory illness. We would urge families to follow this advice where possible.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you should avoid contact with others and order a PCR test. If you test positive, stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Face Coverings

From next week, we will be relaxing the rule to wear masks in the canteen but some students might wish to continue to wear them if they feel happier doing so. We are still seeing students wearing masks in the corridors and lessons and we are happy for them to do so.

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.

Kind regards

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