



2nd January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Happy New Year and welcome to the beginning of 2022.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, spending time with your family and friends as well as celebrating the New Year. We are really looking forward to seeing the students on Thursday for the return to the Spring term. I am sorry to hear of significant disruption for families both staff and students due to covid over this holiday and I hope those people are fully recovered.

Today, schools have received Government Guidance to support the return of schools this week and I wanted to write to summarise the key points in order to continue face to face education.

Masks in all areas of school

Masks are now recommended in all areas of the school unless you are eating and drinking. So we will expect students to bring their own mask/s daily, we only have a few spare masks for emergencies. They need to wear the mask on their way to form, in their form room, on their way to lessons and within classrooms. The only time they will remove their masks is during break and lunch whilst outside, or eating or drinking and during PE and dance lessons. Please ensure your child has their own mask and replacements should they rip or get dirty. We will not have enough to give out the numbers we were before Christmas.

We are all responsible for keeping each other safe by wearing a mask. If your child is exempt this should be due to medical reasons and they should have their Lord Grey exemption card. This guidance is being reviewed at the end of January.

Test this evening as normal by Lateral Flow and report your result to NHS and Lord Grey

All students and staff should take a lateral flow test this evening as usual and [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and our [LG google form](#). (This is in addition to the mass testing on Wednesday.) Please be aware of the guidance that even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in Lateral Flow testing on-site or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

Self-isolation changes to rules

Individuals may now take Lateral Flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to Lord Grey from day 8. You **MUST** upload these negative results to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and the LG reporting form. Anyone who is unable to take Lateral Flow tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Twice Weekly Lateral Flow Testing

Staff and Students will need to continue testing twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to Lord Grey via our [google form](#) every Sunday and Wednesday evening throughout the Spring Term. It is important we do this to protect each other.

Close Contact of Covid or Covid in your household



People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a Lateral Flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend Lord Grey as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our students on Wednesday [at their times for mass testing](#) and then on Thursday as we resume teaching. A reminder that preparation work will be uploaded to the Lord Grey Website, via our virtual school, for students to work on at home on Wednesday. Please do ensure you send your test result through this Sunday.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Satyanadhan', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Samantha Satyanadhan
Associate Principal