

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Birmingham has recently seen an increase in individuals testing positive for COVID-19. I would like to thank all of our staff, students and families for their hard work at this challenging time in taking appropriate steps to try to prevent further transmission of the virus. To continue in our efforts, please see advice below received from Public Health England;

- Positive cases should isolate for 10 full days from the start of symptoms or the test date (if asymptomatic). The day after start of symptoms/test date should be regarded as day 1 with return to school on day 11.
- Close contacts will be identified by NHS Contact Tracing and advised to isolate. Those under the age of 18 and adults who are fully vaccinated will not need to isolate. However, all contacts are advised to [get a PCR test](#).
- Sibling/household contacts to stay at home until they have had a negative PCR test

Please remember the importance of;

- Reporting a positive case to school by either telephone or submitting the online form available on our school website <https://queensburysch.com/students-covid-19-form/>
- Prompt isolation and PCR testing when symptomatic or when identified as close contact (unless exempt)
- Vaccination
- Twice weekly LFD testing for our students, parents/carers and staff

We will ensure that;

- Affected areas (classes) are deep cleaned before next use
- All enclosed spaces but more importantly affected areas (classes) are adequately ventilated.
- Where possible, we will hold outdoor activities
- Staff and pupils from affected classes will be advised to get a PCR test

Thank you for your support in limiting infection and preventing future closures within our school.

Yours Sincerely



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