

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

We wanted to inform parents of an update we have received from the Director of Public Health that advises schools to implement the following enhanced measures, over and above current government guidance from as soon as practically possible.

For our school there is little change, as we had already moved to the wearing of face coverings in communal areas. This means that **students will be expected to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas until the Manchester Public Health team advise us otherwise.**

It is clear that most of our students are now remembering to bring a face covering every day. We want to again encourage all students to use **reusable face coverings**. This will reduce the negative impact that disposable face coverings have on the environment. It is also important that students do bring their own as the school are handing out a large amount of disposable face coverings on a daily basis, which also has a financial impact on the school. We would hope to do this only in emergencies when students have forgotten their mask.

The other measure that Public Health have reiterated is that **if there is a positive case in the household**, close contacts in Key Stage 2 and above who are attending school are encouraged to **carry out daily lateral flow testing for 10 days** after the onset of symptoms (or positive test if asymptomatic) in the case in their household, and only attend school if their lateral flow test is negative.

They are also encouraged to follow national guidance for all contacts and access a PCR test [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK](#). The only people who are not required to take part is anybody who has tested positive using a PCR swab test in the last 90 days. They do not need to take another test.

We also wanted to let parents know that **Covid-19 vaccinations** will be taking place at Chorlton High School Monday to Wednesday next week. This process is being managed fully by nurses from the local Health service and **only** students who have consent will be receiving this vaccination.

We will continue to update parents with any advice we receive regarding managing the spread of Covid-19 in school if anything changes.

Please remember that our bi-weekly newsletter, Chorlton Connection will also be issued to parents later today.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend,
Chorlton High School