



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

As you know, the number of covid cases, whilst still small in comparison with the whole school population, has been rising steadily. On the advice of Public Health we are stopping assemblies until the end of term and are switching our staff meetings to our online portal. Can you please support us in ensuring that your children come to school with masks so we can reduce the risk in corridors and open social spaces as much as possible? From next week we will be giving out behaviour points for students who are deliberately taking off their masks (unless they are exempt). This is to keep everyone as safe as we can.

It is really important that children do not come into school with covid symptoms. Mock exams should not be a reason to force children with symptoms into school as they will have an opportunity to complete them later if necessary. Details of how to get a PCR test can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of regular testing with lateral flow tests at home. Students should be tested every Wednesday and Sunday.

As you know, there will be an extra INSET day on Thursday 6th January. Years 9 to 11 will be coming into school to get tested and will then leave the site. Years 7 and 8 will receive their tests the following day when the whole school is coming back. Details will follow nearer the date. A consent form will be sent to you separately. Please complete the form by Friday 17th December if you would like your child to be tested in January.

Finally, we'd like to let you know that we have launched three online apps on our learning platform, RM Unify. These allow students to let us know when they see or experience concerning things. 'We're listening' is an app where students can tell us about things that happen in school. 'Take a Stand' allows them to report bullying that they experience or see. Finally, there is an app called 'Wellbeing' where students can receive advice or support.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Wilson

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