



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parents/Carers,

10th February 2022

I would like to thank you for your continued support with all aspects of Covid-19 procedures for this school. It has been good to see the selfless attitude of young people and to see their appreciation about how their small steps can impact positively on others. In line with the government's decision to move out of Plan B we have updated our risk assessment and risk assessment action plan. Both of these can be found on the school's website.

I would like to highlight the following which will be in place immediately after half term:

1. There will no longer be staggered start and finish times. From Monday 21st February all students will start school at 8.30am (arrive by 8.20am) and will finish at 2.45pm.
2. There will be face to face rather than virtual assemblies. One assembly per community a week.
3. All practical and performance lessons will continue with the practical elements which were restarted earlier in the term.
4. Face coverings are optional. Any member of the school community can continue to wear a face covering anywhere in the school should they wish to.

5. PE kit

Dance lessons

All students in Years 7-13 to come into school in uniform and bring their PE kit to change into for dance lessons (This includes GCSE Dance students).

PE lessons

Years 7-10 to wear PE kit to school on Core PE days (this is not including BTEC Sport).

Years 11-13 to come to school in uniform and bring their PE to change into for PE lessons.

The following control measures will continue to be in place:

1. All members of the community have access to hand sanitisers.
2. Windows will continue to be opened to increase ventilation.
3. Regular testing is still encouraged.
4. If any member of the school community has any Covid-19 symptoms they should self-isolate and test to see if they have the virus.

We will continue to respond to government guidance and local public health guidance as appropriate and we will update our risk assessment and action plan accordingly.

With my best wishes,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher