



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of last week, we reviewed the present Covid-19 measures that we have in place (Amber measures) and these are outlined in the risk assessment action plan. As there are still cases being reported to the school daily, it was agreed to continue with the Amber measures until the end of the term. This includes the staggered start to the start of the day and staggered finish to the end of the day.

In addition, the Director of Public Health for Bexley - Dr Anjan Ghosh - has written to all schools to ensure that measures are in place with effect from Monday 6 December 2021 until the end of the term.

One of these is to remind you all about the importance of undertaking twice-weekly lateral flow testing for all members of the school community even when we are not exhibiting any symptoms. Further test kits will be available to collect at the school gate at the end of the day by students at least once before the end of this term.

A further one is for us all to make sure we continue to maintain social distancing as far as is possible.

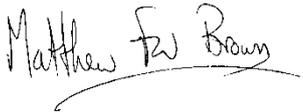
In respect of face coverings, it is highly recommended that these are worn in indoor areas in the school apart from in classrooms. (All these areas are communal areas where mixing is taking place). Young people must wear face coverings on public transport.

Any household close contacts in KS2 and above who are exempt from isolation and 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 at COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days do not need to be tested.

We are presently making arrangements for the start of next term. Students who have consented have to be tested on site prior to the start of the term. It is likely that this will take place on Wednesday 5 January 2022 and Thursday 6 January 2022. As a result, there will be a staggered start to the new year. I will be writing to you with more details before the end of the term.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Brown
Head Teacher