

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year and extend our best wishes for 2022.

As with previous communications earlier this academic year, we need to start by updating you on arrangements regarding our management of COVID-19. Together with our partners in the Cabot Learning Federation, we continue to remain in line with guidance issued by our local Directors of Public Health and Government guidelines.

The Covid protocols that have been in place for all Cabot Learning Federation Primary Academies since October 2021 will remain in place as we return in January. This means that the following measures remain key features of school life:

**What we are doing in our academies:**

1. We will continue to enhance our cleaning and hygiene routines.
2. We will keep spaces well ventilated; this may occasionally mean that your child will be invited to wear their coat indoors. Please ensure that children bring a school jumper and coat to school every day.
3. Staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas. Class teachers will not wear face coverings whilst teaching.
4. There are no plans to involve schools in any roll-out of a vaccination programme for primary age-children. However, the government accepted advice that an initial course of vaccination should be offered to children aged 5 to 11 years old who are in a clinical risk group, or who are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed. The NHS is working through updated guidance and will set out further details shortly.

**What we need our families to do:**

1. We would respectfully ask all adults visiting the school to continue to wear a face covering on site, both inside and outside of the school building. This includes at drop off and pick up times, where school adults will be wearing face coverings too.
2. Please ensure that your child stays at home if they are unwell with Covid symptoms. If one of the symptoms is a fever, they must continue to stay at home until 48 hours after the fever passes. **They should do so even if they have tested negative for Covid 19.**

3. **If someone in your household tests positive:** All primary aged children can undertake Rapid 7-day LFD testing. This means they can undertake LFD testing for 7 days and do not need to go for a PCR unless LFD positive
4. **End of isolation from day 7 following a positive PCR test:** There is a possibility following x 2 negative LFD tests that your child can return to school **from day 7**. The first test cannot be undertaken **before day 6** and the second test must be undertaken **24 hours later**. So, if the test was done early enough on day 6 and a second 24 hours later **and both negative** - this could be in time for the start of the school day **on day 7**.

Thank you for your considerable support throughout this period, and for your flexibility in continuing to work with these new, revised arrangements.

To read the latest Government guidance for parents and carers in full, click [here](#)

We will continue to keep all of our parents and carers updated with any changes to our Covid controls as we are asked to make them in the interests of public health.

Yours faithfully,

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