



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we enter stage three of the national roadmap with the gentle easing of some COVID restrictions, I felt it an appropriate time to update you on a few school based processes.

### Covid testing

It is probably now more important than ever that all students continue to conduct Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests at home every Wednesday and Sunday evening. This helps us with early indication of any new infection. You will continue to receive the normal text message on these days with the reporting link on it, so please encourage your children to do this as a matter of importance. If you do not have any tests or are low on stock, please ask your child to speak to their mentor.

We have also recently received advice from Public Health England advising of the need to immediately book a PCR test should you or your child develop any of the main COVID symptoms shown below. This is particularly important considering the lifting of restrictions and information widely reported on the emergence of a new COVID variant of concern (VoC).

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

### Face coverings

A reminder that following the government announcement, face coverings are no longer compulsory in schools. However, we welcome anyone who feels they would like to continue to wear one for their own wellbeing.

### Start of school day

To help get the school day started more effectively, from after ½ term we are in the position to implement the following:

Year 7 to 11 students can enter the school grounds between 8.30 and 8.40am going direct to their mentor room:

**Year 7 & Year 10** will continue to enter at gate 1 (Bullockstone Road)

**Year 8** will continue to enter at Gate 2 (delivery gate)

**Year 9** will continue to enter at Gate 3 (Stillwater crossing)

**Year 12** should continue to enter prior to 8.30 via any gate (as you have already been doing)



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As ever, please can I ask you to be very mindful of our neighbours in the nearby residential area when picking up and dropping off students, paying particular attention to not block driveways or emergency vehicle entrances. Perhaps as the weather gets more pleasant, you could consider dropping students slightly further from the school for them to walk in.

Students will increasingly be back in specialist rooms for Art, Science and Technology. They will also start to be invited to after school activities, so please keep an eye out for announcements and letters home in this respect.

I shall keep you updated on any new government announcements but please keep your fingers crossed that restrictions continue to lift.

With kind regards,

**Jon Boyes**  
**Principal**