



Herne Bay High School

Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you on Friday asking for your support in trying to increase the number of students who regularly undertake lateral flow testing. This is a proven pre-emptive measure to help protect all school and community members. To the well over 600 hundred students who did I thank you, however, that does leave nearly 900 families who appear to not be testing regularly.

I am sure you are aware of the announcement by the Prime Minister this weekend that included the return to increased measures in everyday life, including that face coverings will again be compulsory in shops and on public transport from Tuesday 30th November.

Following on from this I have been contacted by the Department of Education earlier today with this update to their measures:

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in indoor communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Testing

All educational and childcare settings should continue to encourage staff and students to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests.

Vaccination

All eligible staff and students aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on. To book a vaccination, please visit: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

As such, I am asking that with immediate effect, all staff and students (unless exempt) follow the statutory advice from the Government and always wear a mask when in any school building, including all classrooms. I do see this as a temporary measure but one that at this moment will help all our community stay safe. These measures also apply to all visitors to school site who must always wear a mask and come on to the school site, which will be by prior appointment only.



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This does mean that for students in Years 10,11,12 & 13, the mock exams that they are undertaking in the sports hall and the theatre, will need to be sat wearing a face covering (unless exempt). Any parent who has any concern please contact your Year team, who will advise.

Please can I also urge you to support the school by ensuring your child continues with their twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) on a Wednesday and Sunday, uploading your results to the following link: <https://www.hernebayhigh.org/covid19-student-home-results>

I am sure that this sudden blip is a temporary one and hope we can all get on with normal schooling soon. Thank you for your continued support

With kind regards,

Jon Boyes
Principal