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Dear Parent / Carer

Covid-19 Update: November 2021

I write to update you as to the latest developments related to Covid-19 at Midhurst Rother College.

As you will be aware, cases have been rising nationally since the start of September and secondary aged children have been particularly impacted by this. At the time of writing, we have had confirmation that 101 students have tested positive in the last 10 days.

Public Health England have been contacted regarding our number of cases and we continue to take advice from them. As was stated in Mr Edwards' letter, dated 21 October 2021, Public Health England are not directing us to take extra precautions at this point and the College remains fully open. This remains the case, despite our higher numbers. I would like to reassure you that these numbers are not a cause for alarm – coronavirus is an illness that the vast majority of young people recover from very quickly. I confirm that all students should continue to attend school as normal, providing that they do not have a confirmed case of Covid-19 and/or do not have any of the Covid-19 symptoms.

Contacting us

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device (LFD), then you must report this on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and book a NHS PCR test. A NHS PCR test should be conducted within two days of a positive LFD test. You must also inform us either on 01730 812451, Covid@mrc-academy.org or mrc.attendance@mrc-academy.org.

Whilst awaiting a NHS PCR test, and the subsequent result, you must keep your child at home. Once the NHS PCR result is known, you must contact the College and inform us if the result is positive or negative (please use the contact details above).

Once you have contacted us with a positive NHS PCR result, you do not need to ring in/contact us every day to inform us. We will take the initial information and use this as confirmation of absence. This will help us to respond to absence quickly at the beginning of each day. We will contact you if we require any further details. **Please note that this only applies to those students who have had a confirmed NHS PCR test result.**

Beyond this, the NHS will advise parents/carers on isolation periods once a positive result is given. If a negative result is given, then a child may return to College.



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Returning to College

Once the isolation period is over, your child may attend the College, providing that they are well enough to do so. It is common to have residual symptoms relating to a cough or anosmia (loss of smell/taste). These are recognised after effects and should not be reasons to prevent further attendance.

However, if your child still has a high temperature, then they should remain at home and further guidance should be sought via the NHS.

Measures in College

As was communicated before half term, and to support all members of our community, we have put in place some temporary measures to reinforce the health and safety of all.

Face Coverings: we will ask students to wear face coverings in communal areas of the College. They will not need to wear them in lessons. Please ensure that your son / daughter has a face mask with them every day in order that they can wear one if requested to do so.

Hand Sanitiser: sanitiser is available for students to use on entry to the building. Students should use this on entry and exit to the building and classrooms.

One-way system: we have maintained the one-way system this academic year, as it helps with student movement around the building. This will remain in place.

Assemblies: will be online for the foreseeable future.

Parents' evenings: will be on 'school cloud' for this academic year. Further details will be sent to you in advance of parents' evening for your son / daughter.

Enhanced cleaning regimes: our cleaning team are focussing on touch points and communal areas throughout the day.

All students continue to have access to all areas of the College and the full curriculum remains unrestricted. If this is to change and we receive guidance from Public Health England, we will inform you of this at our earliest possible convenience.

In the meantime, may I thank you for your ongoing support and say how wonderful it was to see so many happy faces return to College on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Mr Phillip Lloyd
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