



Mr Juan Delgado [Principal]

11th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Government announcement, from Monday 17th May students will no longer be required to wear a face covering whilst in classrooms and in communal areas of the school. Whilst it is not compulsory to wear face coverings, we would still encourage students to wear them should they so wish.

Although the number of Covid-19 cases are falling, we are continuing to ask students to carry out tests at home twice every week with students receiving a new kit next week, containing seven lateral flow tests. We ask that students test themselves, preferably on a Monday and Thursday morning before going into school. However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before (Sunday and Wednesday) if needed.

It is important that everyone maintains the current testing programme of two tests per week. Our staff continue to have access to self-test kits and are conducting twice-weekly tests in order to provide assurance for their colleagues and the school community. If you have any issues about how to do the tests, please look at the COVID-19 self-test help, which can be found by following the link [here](#). This includes a YouTube video demonstration as well as the written guide in 12 languages.

If anyone tests positive in your household, any support bubbles you are part of, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. You need to report all results to both NHS Test and Trace and the Academy via the student absence line. As the test has been conducted at home, you should order a confirmatory PCR test. A positive result should be reported to the Academy via the student absence line with details confirming that a PCR test has been booked.

If the result of a lateral flow test is unclear (void) you should do another test and report your results to NHS Track and Trace. If your child has two void results you should book a confirmatory PCR test. A void result should be reported to the Academy via the student absence line, along with details confirming a PCR test has been booked (if necessary). A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing. Negative results should be reported to NHS Test & Trace but do not need to be reported to the Academy. If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing. Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend the Academy whether they take part in testing or not.

Please be reminded that the home tests are only to be used on pupils who are NOT showing any symptoms. If your child does start to show symptoms (high temp, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) you must book a PCR test immediately and the whole household must isolate until the PCR test result comes back and you must inform the school via the student absence line.

We thank you for your continued support in making sure that your child is conducting their tests twice weekly.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Delgado
Principal

THE PARK WAY 'We aim to empower young minds, create opportunities and deliver dreams'