

14 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Return to Normal Schooling – Phase 2 (17 May – 18 June)

We are, as previously stated, returning to a normal school timetable from Monday 17 May. This will ensure that our students can access specialist teaching rooms which is vital for practical work and for creative subjects. Our students will be issued with a new timetable today, which will also be available on the INSIGHT app or Parent Portal over the weekend.

Clearly, we retain the responsibility for ensuring that the school remains safe to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We have not had to send large groups of students home to self-isolate and we are determined that this remains the case.

Face Coverings – Retained Until the End of Half-Term

We will be retaining face coverings for all members of the school community for the rest of this half-term. Our assessment is that this is the safest strategy for our school and takes into account factors like: our return to specialist teaching rooms; local data from Public Health England; and the continuing surge testing for the South Africa variant in Isleworth and Osterley.

Students will not be required to wear a face covering outside the school buildings, although this will still be encouraged when students are not socially distanced and in face-to-face groups.

Re-usable masks should be washed frequently and disposable masks should also be changed daily.

Hand Sanitiser

We have no evidence in school of the spread of COVID-19 through surface contact and feel sure that this is because the vast majority of our students continue to observe excellent hand hygiene.

As our students will now be moving to different teaching rooms, we require them to carry their own hand sanitiser and use it frequently through the school day. Please do ensure that your son/daughter/ward has their own supply of sanitiser for Monday 17 May.

Lateral Flow Tests & Vaccinations

Thank you to all students and families for continuing to support the regular home-testing programme. Testing remains critical, should be twice-a-week, and will continue after half-term. Further kits will be issued next week.

As a reminder, if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms they are not to come to school, but they should get a PCR test. You can book a test [here](#). If a family member tests positive, your son/daughter/ward needs to [self-isolate](#) along with all family members.

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The national vaccination programme continues to proceed at pace with the aim to have all adults protected by the end of July. I am pleased to have now had both jabs (age being on my side!) and I would urge all members of the school community to accept a vaccination when it is offered. This appears to be the best way to protect those around you and to lead to a final and permanent relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Other Safety Measures

The majority of our existing safety measures remain in place as we endeavour to continue to provide the very best educational experiences for your son/daughter/ward through this pandemic.

I would also urge you to encourage your son/daughter/ward to follow the safety measures outside of school. Whilst there is clearly the desire for us all to see a “return to normal”, this will only be achieved if everyone continues to follow national and local guidance.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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