



16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent,

### COVID-19 Measures

In accordance with local guidance (please see the letter from Mr Thomas, Director of ELLL) and in line with the national framework for schools, I confirm that we have introduced steps in school to:

- avoid large gatherings such as assemblies
- introduce one-way systems
- arrange classrooms with forward facing desks
- establish strict seating plans that are accurately recorded
- continue to recommend twice-weekly LFD testing
- increase ventilation
- expect all pupils, staff and visitors to wear face coverings in internal communal areas

We encourage everyone to bring in their own face-coverings and to look after them in safe and sensible ways. We will, however, be able to provide any learner with a face-covering if he or she does not have one.

Please remember that the most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools is to stop infection being brought into the school. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate and not attend school. Anyone developing symptoms should also self-isolate immediately and book a test. If a learner, staff or visitor becomes unwell or symptomatic while attending the school, he or she should leave the school immediately and follow the advice on Test, Trace, Protect (TTP), including self-isolating and arranging a test.

Current guidelines do not require under 18s or those who are fully vaccinated to isolate if they are identified as contacts of a positive case. Those who are identified as contacts are advised to get a PCR test done but are allowed to attend school (unless they have symptoms).

Please note that these measures are being introduced because the rate of infection is rising in communities not because of any shortcomings on the part of schools.

Best wishes,

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