

# Formby High School

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Dear Parents

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on regarding Covid-19. We are continuing to manage the impact of the virus in our school community and have recently seen a considerable increase in cases at school, particularly in Years 7 and 8. I have been working with Sefton Public Health throughout and we have decided to re-introduce the wearing of face coverings for these two year groups as a temporary control measure. This will be reviewed further for week commencing 4 October. In addition, where the number of cases amongst groups of students who closely associate with one another (a tutor group or teaching set, for example) exceeds 10% we are writing to parents to ask them to book an asymptomatic PCR test for their child. We have requested this for several tutor groups in Years 7, 8 and 9, and I am very grateful for parents' support in helping any asymptomatic cases to be identified.



Where students are required to self-isolate for 10 days we are providing school work for them to complete. For Years 7 and 8, work for each subject is provided on the school website at: <https://www.formbyhighschool.com/remote-classroom-2021-22/>. For all other year groups, work will be provided by subject teachers via Class Charts. If well enough to do so, students should complete work in line with their timetabled lessons and should be aware that there may be a short delay between self-isolation commencing and work being uploaded to Class Charts.



Please continue to be vigilant in ensuring that the twice weekly home testing continues (with reporting to both NHS and FHS as usual) and that any students with a positive LFD result or who are displaying symptoms consistent with Covid-19 do not attend school and seek a PCR test immediately. Any positive cases should be reported as usual using the following email address only as soon as results are received: [covid19@formbyhighschool.com](mailto:covid19@formbyhighschool.com).



You may be aware from national press coverage that the Covid-19 vaccination programme is due to be rolled out to 12-15 year olds over the coming weeks. This programme is being administered and delivered by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) and we have been asked by the Department for Education to work with SAIS on the delivery of the programme. More information can be found on the [Government website](#).





As we have done throughout, we will keep our control measures under review and make adjustments as and when they are deemed necessary for the safety of our school community. Similarly, as more information becomes available about the vaccination programme we will share it with you accordingly.

Whilst writing, I wanted to share with you how pleased I have been with the approach that our students have adopted since returning to (or joining) school in September. Engagement in lessons, the quality of work in exercise books, uptake for extra-curricular activities and the contribution they made to last night's Open Evening all indicate that they have bought into the mantra 'never miss a beat'!

With my sincere thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr D A Mackenzie**  
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