

Formby High School

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Welcome back to the start of Spring term which is typically a very busy period in the academic year. The lifting of many of the remaining Covid-19 controls will help us move closer to 'normal' which, I am sure we all agree, is more than welcome. Below is a summary of the key changes that have come into effect under the government's 'Living with Covid' plan and some other important information that I wanted to share.

- **Symptoms** – if your child experiences symptoms of Covid-19, he/she should immediately book a PCR test and remain at home until the result is known. If the test is positive, please report this to school and follow the guidance below.
- **Positive Cases** – in line with [UKHSA guidance](#) students should not return to school for at least five days following their positive test/onset of symptoms. They should take a LFD test on day five followed by another one on day six. If both test results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. If the test results are positive, they should continue to test on consecutive days until they have negative tests.
- **Testing** – students are no longer required to take twice-weekly LFD tests.
- **Close Contacts** – there is no longer a requirement for daily testing of close contacts but certain considerations and precautions are advised in this [UKHSA guidance](#).
- **Face Coverings** – face coverings are no longer a requirement in school; however, students should follow [wider advice on face coverings](#) outside of school, including on public transport.
- **Vaccinations** – students in Years 8 and 10 who did not receive their vaccination in school this week due to technical issues will shortly receive information about when they are being rescheduled. Any queries regarding booking a Covid-19 vaccination for your child should be directed to the Sefton Immunisations Team.
- **Risk Assessment** – the school's updated Covid-19 risk assessment can be found [here](#).



Attendance

I am very pleased to see attendance levels improving this half term but we are still far from our pre-pandemic levels. Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised and medical/dental appointments during the school day should be avoided wherever possible.



PE Kit

Students in Years 9 to 11 must wear school uniform on a daily basis and change in to their PE kits in school for PE lessons. If they have a PE lesson at the end of the school day they will be permitted to travel home in their PE kit. Only students in Years 7 and 8 should wear PE kit to school on days when they have timetabled PE lessons.





Kindness

Kindness is our school focus for this half term. Another legacy of the pandemic disruption has unfortunately been an increase in unkind behaviour, typically (but not exclusively) online, between peers and friends. Kindness and respect are a core part of our school ethos and of good citizenship in general. We will be promoting messages of kindness in our community and rewarding 'Golden Tickets' to those students who go above and beyond to model these qualities.

Pre-Public Examinations

Good luck to Years 10, 11 and 13 students who will be sitting their pre-public examinations over the next fortnight.

Yours sincerely

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