



OCL/HST

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Update on Covid-19 precautions in schools

Please see below two important updates on Covid-19 precautions.

Face coverings in January

The Covid-19 situation continues to change rapidly. In light of rising cases across the country, Oasis Community Learning has asked for all Oasis secondary students to be strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in the classroom as well as in communal areas when they return to school in January (unless they are exempt). This is a temporary precaution from the beginning of next term which will be reviewed after the first two weeks.

We are asking for your support in encouraging your child to wear their face covering around the Academy to reduce the risk of transmission after the holidays.

NHS Test & Trace – Close contact

The Government have introduced a change in what they would like you to do should you or your child be a close contact of someone that has a confirmed case of Covid-19. You can read the Government's guidance by searching '[gov.uk contacts confirmed coronavirus](#).'

They are asking adults and children (aged 5 and over) to take lateral flow tests for 7 days should they be notified that they have been in contact with a confirmed case. If NHS Test and Trace contact you to say that your child is a close contact of someone who has Covid-19, they will ask for your child to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days.

After each test you will be asked to report the results online.

- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#)
 - o If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

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- If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Lateral flow tests are available from the Academy, through community test sites, local pharmacies or [online here](#).

As a reminder, every student that consents will be asked to complete one on-site test when they return to school in January, and then continue to complete tests twice weekly at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Ms H Stennett
Principal

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