

John Masefield High School and Sixth Form Centre

Mabel's Furlong, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2HF

Telephone: 01531 631012

Email: admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

Fax: 01531 631433

Web site: www.jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

Headteacher:

Andrew Evans BSc MA

Deputy Headteacher:

Andy Collard BA



28 February 2022

Dear parents and carers

Changes to Covid Guidance

We hope you have enjoyed a good half term break. As you will be aware there have been a number of changes to Covid guidance for schools following the government's recently announced plans for Living with Covid. We have summarised these below:

- **Twice weekly routine lateral flow device testing is no longer recommended and schools will not be provided with kits to distribute to students.** Students should therefore not be testing routinely at home and we will no longer be asking parents to report routine LFD test results through MS Forms.
- **Those students with Covid symptoms (new continuous cough; high temp; change in smell/taste) are still advised to take a PCR and isolate until the results are available.** Although there is no longer a legal requirement to do this, we would strongly recommend that this advice is followed.
- **Positive cases as confirmed by PCR are still advised to stay at home for at least 5 full days and follow guidance until they have received 2 negative lateral flow device tests on consecutive days.** Again, the legal requirement for this is now removed but we would encourage parents and carers to follow this advice. Please continue to report early release LFD test results through this link [Lateral Flow Test reporting form](#)
- **Close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily lateral flow device tests, and routine contact tracing has ended.**

We have had some queries from parents whose children have tested positive on a routine LFD test. In this instance, we would recommend that your child takes a PCR and isolates until the results are available. However, please remember that advice has changed and students should no longer be routinely testing with lateral flow device tests.

We very much appreciate that government policy has moved quickly and hope that this message has given you some clarity. Please email admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk if you need any further advice or guidance.

Please report any positive cases as usual to student.absence@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk or telephone through to Reception.

With best wishes

Andrew Evans
Headteacher