



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

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5th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Can I start by wishing you a Happy New Year. I hope that you have enjoyed a restful Christmas break.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update regarding COVID-19 measures.

Testing:

Thank you to our parents/carers who have supported the 'test to return' programme. It is reassuring that we have been able to test a high number of pupils on site today. This means we are ready to welcome all pupils back on-site tomorrow -with little disruption to learning.

I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing with the on-site testing programme at LDA across the coming weeks and we will be able to continue to test all pupils (with consent) on a regular basis.

If your child tests at home, please remember to report the result to both the school and to the NHS. There is a QR code on your child's testing kits from school to support with this process.

Masks:

Parents/Carers, I am seeking your support in encouraging your child to wear a mask in school. You will be aware that government guidance changed over Christmas. All pupils are now expected to wear a mask in classrooms as well as in communal areas (unless officially exempt). This measure is being reviewed by government on 26th January 2022. Transmission rates of COVID-19 are currently very high. We have vulnerable pupils and staff on site and it is crucial we protect our whole school community. In addition, with the current high rates of transmission, the wearing of masks will help keep our workforce in school and therefore prevent disruption to our pupils' learning and progress.

Self-isolation:

Please read the latest governance guidance below regarding the current position on self-isolation:

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 7.

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Please be aware that the information above will be subject to review.

I will keep you informed on any further updates.

I thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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