



Westfield Arts College



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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID guidance update

I hope you've all had a good half term break with your families and weren't badly affected by the storm. Following the announcement from the Government last week, I'm writing to share with you what it means for us at Westfield.

Weekly testing

Although there is no further testing in mainstream schools, special schools will continue to receive LFD test kits and we are encouraging all staff and Secondary aged pupils to continue testing twice weekly. We will continue to distribute test kits to you for now. There is no information at present about when this is likely to cease.

Testing positive for COVID

There is now no requirement to self-isolate if you have COVID, but the recommendation is that you do self-isolate if you test positive. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Close contacts

There is no longer a requirement to test for 7 days if you have been a close contact of someone with COVID. There is also no longer any routine contact tracing where you are alerted if you or your child has been a close contact of a positive case.

Face coverings

COVID cases locally remain higher than the national rates. Whilst we are not enforcing the use of face coverings, we are recommending that people continue to wear them in indoor communal areas of the school as a sensible precaution for the time being. Pupils are not expected to wear face coverings but can do so if they wish to.

We will let you know of any changes in guidance, but are hopeful that we will begin to see a more settled period without further disruption.

With best wishes

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