

# The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is great to see everyone back and this letter is a quick reminder so that we can keep our students central to both safety processes and also educational achievement this half term.

In the last few days there have been reports in the media that the number of cases of Covid-19 are increasing in Cheshire West and indeed nationally. This term we are safely continuing with our high standards, ventilation, one-way systems, zones at break and lunch, and hand sanitisation. We are fortunate not to have had a positive case of Covid-19 since December and this is thanks to the vigilance of our staff, students, and families.

Our [Risk Assessment](#) document is regularly reviewed and can be found on our website. This week, children have been excited and pleased to return to specialist rooms but this requires everyone to **continue with the safety measures**:

- Maintain two metre social distancing from anyone outside their household where possible
- Wear a face covering when travelling on public transport
- Wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water or hand sanitiser
- Undertake asymptomatic testing at home twice a week
- Self-isolate with your household and get a PCR test if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 – even if your home test was negative
- Self-isolate for 10 days if you are a contact of a confirmed case



Thank you for continuing to test at home over half term – **please continue this routine** twice weekly and report any positive test results to [testresult@bishopschester.co.uk](mailto:testresult@bishopschester.co.uk) and log positive results nationally to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance. Additional family members can also collect Lateral Flow tests, the centre's distributing home tests can be found here:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. Attached to this communication from the Local Authority are details of the roving vaccination clinics available to adults aged 40+ and the booking link for adults aged 25 – 39.

DFE guidance on face coverings remains that they are **optional** for staff and students. Public Health England have asked schools to review their risk assessments – our spaces, negligible symptoms, separate buildings, and good ventilation are part of these considerations. Optional face coverings in school (required on transport) are part of our range of measures.

If there are any changes nationally or locally to the Covid-19 safety measures, we will be in contact. If any planned events require amendments, we will be in contact. So far this week has been a very positive experience for our students, let's all work together to maintain the highest quality educational experience which Covid measures allow.

Thank you for your continued support,



**Ian Wilson**  
Headteacher

