



29 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the recent guidance issued by Public Health England, from Tuesday 30 November, face coverings will be reintroduced and should be worn by all Bulwell Academy community members whilst in the buildings. As cases continue to climb and with the discovery of a new variant, in the run up to Christmas we will ensure that we do all we can to minimise the risk posed to friends and loved ones.

Face coverings will not be required to be worn when outside during breaktimes but must be worn at line-ups to give our staff the opportunity to provide face masks for those who may not have them. For students who are medically exempt from wearing face coverings, lanyards must be worn indicating their exemption.

As per the guidance, we urge our Academy community to conduct lateral flow tests twice weekly to detect infection early on and further prevent transmission. We will continue to distribute testing kits to all students so that they and their families can be confident if symptoms present.

The symptoms, as detailed on the Department for Education website, include the following:

- Headache
- A dry and continuous cough
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Fever
- Sneezing

If your child has any, or a combination of the symptoms listed above, they must not attend school. Please call our Attendance Team on 0115 964 7640 selecting extension 1.

Students who present with symptoms whilst at school will be required to return home and for parents and carers to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Please see the link below for further guidance on symptoms and what to do in the event of a positive test.
[gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do)

Booking a PCR test locally is quick and simple. Just follow the instructions on the link below:
nottinghamcity.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/get-a-covid-19-test/

Students have been informed of the update this morning and, as predicted, they have responded brilliantly. Throughout the pandemic, our staff and students have led by example and in years to come, all will be able to say that they have done their bit to support their families, friends and their local communities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B Nash'.

Mr B. Nash
Principal