



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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12th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the letter sent to all parents and carers on the 28th September, the governors felt it important to write to you to update you and ask for your support in ensuring your child(ren) make choices to protect themselves and their peers, and your families while in school.

As perhaps was inevitable with the onset of winter, and as is the case in schools locally and nationally, there has been an increase in the number of OBHS students who have tested positive for Covid19 and who are isolating as a result of this.

Firstly, we would like you to be aware of the precautionary measures the school has in place:

- There are hand sanitising stations in classrooms and at various points around the school site.
- The school is no longer holding whole year group assemblies, and instead sharing key messages with students via their form tutors in their form rooms.
- Lateral Flow Tests continue to be available for all students and we would strongly recommend your child completing these twice a week. In addition, yesterday, over 270 students consented to take part in the government's PCR Quality Assurance.
- The school has reinstated touch-point cleaning during the school day – where door handles, in particular, are regularly cleaned.
- From the 29th September, staff members have been wearing face coverings when indoors and when this is appropriate. There are times within lessons where the wearing of a mask would impinge on the teacher's ability to teach, and on these occasions, staff are encouraged to maintain a safe distance.
- Face coverings are available for all students at both Student Reception and Main Reception if they forget theirs.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended on all school transport.

Following feedback from the teachers, students and parents, we have concerns, however, regarding the number of our students who are choosing to not wear their face covering while on the school bus or while inside classrooms and corridors around the school. We support the school in expecting that all students should be wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces unless there is a medical reason that a student is unable to. Despite the Senior Leadership Team speaking to students on their buses at the start and end of the school day, a number of students are choosing to not follow the school's advice despite the increase in positive cases.



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While we cannot make the wearing of a face covering compulsory, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child(ren) to wear a face covering in order to protect themselves and the rest of the school community during this time.

We have included the Frequently Asked Questions flagged up in the school's last lesson as a reminder of your actions should your child test positive.

Kind Regards,



Jack Eves
Chair of Governors

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if my child has Covid19 symptoms?

1. If they are a day student, they should be kept at home, and you should follow the advice on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). It is vital that you inform the School Office via office@obhs.co.uk.
2. If my child is self-isolating, how do they access work? Work is set via Go4Schools.
3. If my child does more than one lateral flow test and only one is positive, do I still need to get them a PCR test? Yes, following a positive lateral flow test/ Antigen Rapid Test, it is essential that you take your child for a PCR test and that they isolate until the results from the PCR test are received.

