



**Co-educational Academy of Advanced, Artistic and Academic Studies**

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Re: Updated School Covid-19 Protocols**

Dear Parent(s), Carer(s), Guardian(s),

I hope that you have enjoyed a pleasant Easter break. I wanted to advise you about the updated school protocols for students who become ill. Throughout the pandemic, the school has adopted a prudent approach which has helped to minimise the risk of transmission. We will continue to encourage effective ventilation of classrooms and communal areas and are working on installing automatic filtration systems in areas where there is little or no natural ventilation. Students may continue to wear a mask as required.

**What to do if your child becomes ill**

Students with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school as normal.

**Students who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can.** They can return to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend. Further guidance, including a list of symptoms can be found [here](#).

According to the government guidance, It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional and the school will no longer be providing testing kit routinely to students. **We do have limited stock of Lateral Flow Devices which may be provided, subject to parental request, if students need to test.**

**If a student has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.** After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Students who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal but should exercise additional caution, including wearing a face covering and avoiding close contact with other students.

The school will continue to adhere to Government guidance and we will endeavour to update parents if there are any changes to the school's protocols or if we are advised to take additional precautions by local Public Health bodies. We will also update parents as to the availability of booster jabs as we receive the relevant information from the vaccination teams.

If you require any additional information or would like to report a positive test for your child, please contact [covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk).

Thank you as always for your ongoing support with the school's widely praised Covid-19 protocols.

Kind regards,

*Daniel Harding*, Acting Deputy Headteacher