



Edmonton County School

Educating our Community for Success

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Dear Parent / Carer,

The re-opening of schools in March has been a real success. We have all been thrilled to see students back in our classrooms over the last few weeks, re-connecting with friends and staff, and making good progress with their studies. For Year 11, 12 and 13 students, this has been an important period of time where evidence to contribute towards Teacher Assessed Grades (in place of national public examinations) has been produced through cycles of mini-assessments. Students in these year groups should be congratulated on their mature and hard-working approach to these unprecedented assessment arrangements.

Update: face coverings not required for students from 17th May

As you will probably know, we are rapidly approaching the next step in the Government's roadmap, which comes into effect from Monday 17th May. This includes updated guidance regarding face coverings in educational settings:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984846/FINAL_Face_coverings_in_education_guidance.pdf

As a school, we have always adhered to the latest Government guidance, and so from Monday 17th May our approach will be:

- Students will not be required to wear masks at any time on school premises, although some parents may wish their children to carry on doing so. *Parents should contact their child's Progress Lead to confirm that this is the case.*
- Our staff will not be required to wear face masks in classrooms, although some staff may choose to continue doing so, or to return to wearing a visor. Staff are being asked to continue to wear face masks in corridors, communal areas and where social distancing is not possible, unless they are exempt.

Please note that face coverings continue to be mandatory on public transport.

Update: Lateral Flow Tests

Lateral Flow Tests continue to be an important part of the battle against Covid-19. Students should continue to test themselves twice-weekly using the tests that we provide. We will ensure that all students have sufficient tests to last up to and including the half-term break.

Parents / students are required to report their test result via the NHS online reporting system for both negative, void and positive test results. Instructions on how to administer the test and report results can be found inside the test kits. Alternatively, please use the following link which will take you directly to the reporting results page. <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If your child has a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result, you must inform the school as soon as possible, begin self-isolation and book a PCR test. The PCR test will need to be done within 2 days of receiving a positive LFT and the results will need to be reported to the school.

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Reminder: Keep your child at home if they are ill

Government guidance requiring self-isolation of those with COVID symptoms remains in force. Students must self-isolate immediately if they have any symptoms of coronavirus or if they or someone in their household has tested positive for coronavirus. The full list of government expectations regarding self-isolation can be found here: [test and trace self-isolation](#) The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are well known (cough, fever and loss or change of taste or smell) but more recently we had students testing positive after displaying a range of symptoms including headaches, stomach cramps, runny nose or diarrhoea.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

As society continues to re-open and the Government's road map progresses, it is important that we all continue to work together to keep our school and local community safe. I am pleased to say that we have had no confirmed term-time Covid-19 cases in the Secondary phase since re-opening. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Miller', written in a cursive style.

Mr Paul Miller
Head of School