



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **COVID update**

Following our last update, last week saw a sharp rise in cases and we had 85 students isolating which was over 10% of the college population. Fortunately, cases within the student body are beginning to decline but staff cases remain on the increase. We will monitor case numbers daily and you will be notified as soon as practical, should we not be able to remain fully open.

We spoke to PHE who advised that we should continue to wear masks both in class and in corridors for the time being. I am aware that a number of schools have already had to ask year groups to stay at home due to staff shortages but we remain hopeful that we can stay open for face to face teaching for all students.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. The college, at this time, remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We cannot stress enough the importance of twice weekly testing to ensure that we pick up cases and limit the spread. Please ensure your child is bringing in their saliva samples on Mondays and Thursdays and/or doing LFT tests and reporting the results to both the college and the NHS. There are things students can do to help reduce the risk:

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 11 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#)
- wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when coughing or sneezing
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face mask whilst in college, travelling on buses or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly testing following national guidelines. LFT results must be logged via TestRegister: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and to NHS: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

If you are unsure whether you should send your child to college, please follow our COVID absence guidance found on our COVID-19 page: <https://www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk/covid19>

Many thanks for your continued support as we strive to keep students and staff safe and the college fully open.

Yours sincerely

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