



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **COVID-19 update**

On 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and it is imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education.

### **Face Masks**

Face masks are no longer advised for students, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. However, staff and students should follow wider advice on face masks outside of college, to wear face masks in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet, **this includes on transport to and from college.**

We will continue to have the following control measures in place:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### **Asymptomatic testing**

From 21 February, staff and students in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. We will no longer be able to provide free LFD testing kits after this week.

However, we can continue to participate in the twice weekly salvia testing programme until June, salvia testing kits will continue to be provided free of charge. Please note, we will require at least 70% of students participating for the programme to be viable.

All students participating in COVID-19 testing can continue to do so on a Monday and Thursday having by either:

- bringing in their saliva sample to hand to their tutor, or
- logging a lateral flow test (LFT) result on the TestRegister website

If your child has recently joined us or have previously done LFTs instead and would like to participate in the salvia testing programme, you can register on their behalf by contacting the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Salvia Testing team on 0808 1962 282. Once registered, barcodes

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will be sent to us to distribute accordingly. You can also to contact them if you have mis-laid or run out of barcodes. For more information about the programme visit their website:

<https://www.hiowsalivatest.nhs.uk/>

Please be aware that in the event of an outbreak, we may be advised by the local health team or director of public health to reintroduce face masks and / or undertake testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.

## Attendance and isolating

School attendance is mandatory for all students of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Where a child is self-isolating (awaiting a test result) or in quarantine because of COVID19, they will be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 they will be recorded as code I (illness).

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, **however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

The following advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts> is for:

- people with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19
- people who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result
- people who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19

## Vaccination

A reminder that the school immunisation team will be in college on **Friday 4 March** to administer the COVID vaccination. If you would like your child to receive either their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, please complete the following E-consent form:

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid>

The unique code for our college is **SH116466**, please type this code in when prompted on the e-consent form. Once completed you will receive an email confirmation, this may go into your junk mail folder. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us and we will be able to confirm whether you have completed and submitted the form.

If you have already submitted a consent form for your child to receive the vaccine in college and your child has **already had their vaccine** by attending a vaccination centre **or has had COVID in the last 12 weeks**, please can you let us know by completing the [Notification of COVID-19 vaccination received form](#) so we can update the immunisation team.

If your child misses their vaccine on Friday, they can attend a vaccination hub, which is booked through the National Booking System: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

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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Principal