



The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID update

Following our last update, unfortunately, Covid cases are continuing to rise both in the student and staff population with a significant increase this week. Currently there are 15 staff absent across all roles within the college and it is becoming highly likely that we will have to send year groups home as many local schools have already had to do. We will continue to monitor case numbers daily and you will be notified, as soon as practical, should we not be able to remain fully open. Whilst we aim to stay fully open for face to face teaching for all students, there are significant shortages in supply staff and this just may not be possible. If your child needs access to loan ICT equipment, please let us know as a matter of urgency – itsupport@henrycort.org

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation. The college, at this time, remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. PLEASE DO NOT SEND your child in if they are unwell, we have sent several students home already this week, with symptoms, who have tested positive whilst in college.

Whilst the latest guidance states we do not need to test, we cannot stress enough the importance of twice weekly testing to ensure that we pick up cases and limit the spread. Please encourage your child to bring in their saliva samples on Mondays and Thursdays or to complete LFT tests and report the results to both the college and the NHS. There are things students can continue to do to help reduce the risk:

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 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 masks in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly testing following national guidelines. LFT results should 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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