

23 February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I write to you following the Prime Minister's announcement of the ending of legal restrictions around COVID from tomorrow 24th February 2022.

Although the legal restrictions change, the recommendations and guidance remain in place for many of the areas.

A summary of the changes and implications at Kings:

- Students are no longer required to take LFTs weekly.
- We will no longer be provided with LFTs to give to families, although you will still be able to get them for free from chemists or online until 1st April.
- Anyone displaying the known symptoms - a temperature, a new and persistent cough, or a loss of taste or smell - should take a test and if the test is positive, isolate for at least 5 full days, only returning to school following two consecutive days of negative LFT results taken from day 5. Students should return to school after 10 full days of isolation even if the LFT remains positive and they are well enough to do so.
- We will no longer require staff or students to wear face coverings in corridors, classrooms or indoor social areas from tomorrow, Thursday 24th February.
- We will continue to monitor internal absence and local COVID trends in and around the Guildford area.
- We reserve the right to re-introduce face coverings, or further restrictions, should there be a spike in cases. This is because we want to ensure students have as much face-to-face teaching as possible.
- Students and staff may continue to wear face coverings if they choose to.
- We will continue to run all scheduled parents' evenings virtually until at least the end of this term and would continue to ask parents to come into school by appointment only at this stage.

I have been incredibly appreciative of the support of the whole Kings community as we have worked our way through the pandemic. It is not over yet, and we must remain cautious.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. McKenzie
Principal