

Covid-19 Update 8.9.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and that you were able to spend some enjoyable time with friends and family.

As you will be aware we have started the term with Lateral Flow Tests being carried out in our centres as part of the Covid-19 screening requirements for all children returning from the summer holiday. Unfortunately we have already identified a number of positive cases amongst staff and students.

Government guidance has changed and I have been in consultation with Public Health England to obtain further clarification in our school cases. For clarity I have listed some key points below.

All students are required to have 2 Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) prior to starting the school year.

A positive LFT test will require students to self-isolate for 10 days and seek a PCR test.

- PCR tests can be booked online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- This PCR test must be carried out within 2 days of the LFT IF not the LFT result must be used.
- Please provide the code number you receive with the PCR result (starts with letter z)

Household contacts are required to self-isolate unless they are exempt* If they develop symptoms they must self-isolate from when the developed symptoms.

*Exemption from self-isolation applies if you meet the following criteria:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If your child is unwell in school or tests positive following a LFT, we will need you to come and collect your child as our taxi drivers cannot be exposed to further risk.

Please assist us in keeping Goldwyn safe and Covid free by carrying out the following safety measures:

All School and college age children and staff should carry out twice weekly LFTs.

Please do not send your child to school if they have cold-type symptoms.

Mask wearing on school transport is essential.

Staff and students are allowed to wear masks in class and communal areas.

I will be sending further information provided by Public Health England. This has helpful links to government and NHS websites.

Again we are entering a worrying time. We are doing everything we can to prevent infection, however this virus is highly transmissible and we need your help in trying to reduce infection in order to maintain staffing and consistency in school.