



5 November 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you've had a good and restful half term.

As COVID-19 levels continue to rise in Hertfordshire, the **Director of Public Health and Director of Children's Services at Hertfordshire County Council have asked schools to implement additional measures to reduce the spread of the virus.**

Please find below a link to the letter:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/letter-to-parents-and-carers>

In summary, from Monday 8 November:

In the Senior School:

- **Staff, visitors and students** should wear face coverings at all times within the school setting, including in classrooms and offices (except when: taking part in strenuous activity eg. PE/music lessons; when outside; when eating or drinking; or if exempt).
- Boarders will be able to remove face masks in the boarding house.

In the Junior School:

- **Staff and visitors** (not children) should wear face coverings when interacting with other adults (except when outside, eating or drinking or if exempt).
- Everyone aged 11 and over should continue to wear face coverings when travelling on public/school transport.
- Please can parents ensure that children have a small supply of clean face coverings on them for school. Spare face coverings will be available at Reception or in Room 12 for emergency purposes.
- Parents and carers visiting for drop off/pick up or entering the School premises in general should wear face coverings when inside or when they cannot keep a distance.
- These additional measures will be required until the end of term and will be regularly reviewed every two weeks. If there is a reduction in case rates of COVID-19, these recommendations may be lifted.

Other Measures

- We will regularly remind children to wash/sanitise their hands, and to maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- Our enhanced cleaning routine remains in place.
- Morning Talks and all meetings will be virtual, and in-person group gatherings avoided.
- The tuck shop will be closed.

Regular Testing

- All students should undertake a lateral flow test on Sunday evening/Monday morning prior to returning to St Chris on 8 November.
- Lateral flow tests should continue to be taken twice a week by all staff and children in I Group (Year 7) and above, and the School will continue to supply these.



- If you receive a positive result, please book a PCR test – do not send children into school following a positive test result.
- Please only use a lateral flow test if you do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19?

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 – **a new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste or smell** – you should get a PCR test: [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)
- If you test positive you must stay at home.

Vaccination

- One of the best ways to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Everyone aged over 12 who is eligible has now been invited to receive their COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster, find out how to get yours locally at: www.healthierfuture.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support in implementing these measures, and in supporting your children to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact me via martin.scoble@stchris.co.uk

Best wishes

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