

26th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid Updates

At the Academy we have had a very steady rate of Covid infections, both amongst staff and students. The number of cases has been consistently low.

This week the number of infections has risen.

We will not be re-introducing year group bubbles at the moment but the following restrictions/protocols have been advised by Public Health England and will begin from Monday 29th November 2021:

- Enhance communication with parents.
- Another set of LFD test kits are being distributed to students this week so that the twice weekly testing at home continues. We already sent text reminders every Sunday and Wednesday and request that parents/carers ensure that your child is tested on these two days weekly. Please register the positive test results via TestRegister <https://testregister.co.uk/login> If you need help with your username or login details, please email testing@southfieldsacademy.com
- If your child has Covid symptoms, please keep them at home and they should take an LFD test. If the test registers a positive result then order a PCR test for confirmation. Please keep your child at home until a negative PCR result is confirmed or the duration of the isolation period following a positive test result. We will continue to set work on Google Classrooms. At all times, please inform the Academy Attendance Officer via natalie.stearn@southfieldsacademy.com
- Students will need to remain outdoors when they arrive at school in the morning and during break times. Please talk to your child about this and ensure they have warm clothing which adheres to uniform standards.
 - This means your child should have warm clothing under the uniform, the uniform jumper and blazer.
 - For outdoors they should have a plain black jacket.
 - Coats cannot be worn in lessons.
- During lessons, classrooms will be ventilated with windows and doors left open.
- Dining areas are in use for designated year groups at designated times only. Alternative outdoor serveries are available at those times when students can't come indoors for food.

Key Stage 3 Virtual Information Evening for Years 7, 8 and 9 Parents

On Tuesday 30th November at 5pm, we will be holding an event for Key Stage 3 parents/carers giving further information on developments in Years 7, 8 and 9. This will be hosted by Mr Whitfield, Deputy Headteacher for KS3 accompanied by the Heads of Years 7, 8 and 9. The event will also include information regarding the GCSE options process for Year 9 students.

To join the event, please visit:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81205047316?pwd=Q3IzaURkMINCWFNtc1pPV2drVGdXdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 0504 7316

Passcode: bJh3nr

We look forward to seeing as many KS3 parents as possible at the event.



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Student Mobile Phones

A reminder that students should not use their phones while on Academy premises, unless occasionally instructed to do so as part of a lesson. At all other times phones should be switched off and put away in their bag.

Southfields Christmas Lights Event

A number of our students, along with our music department, will be taking part in the Southfields Christmas Lights event on Wednesday 1st December. Further details about the event are available in the parental newsletter. You are warmly invited to join this community event which will start the Christmas season.

Important Dates

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| Tuesday 30 th November 2021 | Key Stage 3 Parent/carer live Zoom information event at 5pm. |
| Wednesday 1 st – Wednesday 15 th December 2021 | Year 11 Mock examinations No study leave. |
| Monday 6 th December 2021 | INSET Day No students on site with the exception of some Year 11 and IG students taking Mock examinations. |
| Wednesday 15 th December 2021 | Final day of autumn term culminating in Achievement Assemblies. |
| Tuesday 4 th January 2022 | INSET DAY No students on site. |
| Wednesday 5 th January 2022 | First day of spring term 2022 |
| Thursday 20 th January 2022 | IEAP Day 2 Further details will be given nearer to the time. |

With best wishes to you and your family for a safe and restful weekend.



Wanda Golinska
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