



Dear Parents and Carers,

1st December 2021

Update on Covid-19 and preventative measures

Following on from the Government announcement regarding the reintroduction of face coverings in communal areas in schools for adults and children in years 7 and above (further information about which can be found [here](#)). I would like to update you on the current situation in school.

- All Adults, unless exempt, **are now required to wear face coverings when in communal areas.**
- Non-Essential visitors to school have been stopped
- Staff members are regularly testing with lateral flow tests at home and we are encouraging all essential visitors to school to test using a lateral flow test on the morning before they come to school.
- Staff will also be asked to test over the Xmas holidays.
- No assemblies are taking place and staff meetings will be held via teams rather than face to face.

As cases across the country are rising we would like to remind you that not all cases of Covid-19 will show the typical signs you may be aware of, such as a cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell; therefore if your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive please do complete a lateral flow test with them and if this shows a positive result then book a PCR test. They should remain off school until the PCR test result comes back negative.

If your child shows any sign of illness then it is sensible for them to take a lateral flow test and inform school of the result.

We know this is yet another challenging time for everyone and appreciate all of the help and support you are all showing to keep the children, staff and wider community safe and well.

If you need any support or have any queries you can contact us at office@westdalejuniors.co.uk

Useful Links:

- Ordering Lateral Flow test kits: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- PCR Tests: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- Government Guidance and support: [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Many thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

With very best wishes,

Mr R Slater
Head of School