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Dear Learners, Parents/Carers and Staff

### COVID 19 UPDATE

We have been very fortunate since our return to college in September 2021 in that we have had very few absences due to Covid. Unfortunately, this week we have seen a rise in the number of positive cases amongst our college community. You can view our current covid picture via our website or by [clicking here](#).

To avoid any further cases, we must again request that all learners carry out twice-weekly lateral flow tests (LFT's) and report the outcome on the Government website site. [click here](#) to Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). If you need a reminder on how to take your LFT please [click here](#).

If we do not see an increased level of testing amongst learners and staff, we will have to / or will be asked by Public Health England to return to the Covid safety measures we carried out last year. These include the compulsory wearing of face masks, one-way systems, staggered starts etc.

We are aware of a number of schools that have been told by Public Health England to implement safety measures, including sending classes home to self-isolate for ten days. We do not want this to happen, and in order to stop the spread, we must prevent learners who may be carrying the virus but are asymptomatic from coming into college. The only way to do this is to ensure that learners regularly test and report the result.

We will be speaking to learners this week about the importance of keeping themselves and the community safe, particularly in the run up to Christmas.

We trust that we can rely on your support with this. We will continue to send regular text reminders (Wednesday and Sunday) and reminders in college.

Yours sincerely,



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