



12th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 and 8 Students,

I am writing to you to make you aware that we are starting to see a small increase in the number of positive cases of Covid-19 in Years 7 and 8.

We will, of course, continue to monitor this and if we necessary we will seek Public Health advice if this continues. The Contingency Framework for Education and Childcare settings sets out that at this stage schools should reinforce the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures that are already in place.

We understand how important it is for you to be able to send your child/children to school and so can I ask all parents of students in Years 7 and 8:

1. Please continue to encourage your child to test at home at least twice weekly (Sunday and Wednesday) and to report each result. Students have been offered further home test kits today. Please ask your child if they have received these and help them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge and this video shows [how to take the test](#). Then all you need to do is to report the result is:
 - a. Click on the reminder email which you receive from Test Register and report the result to school
 - b. Next report the result to NHS Test and Trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
2. Please do not send your child to school if they develop symptoms. If this is the case then they should isolate and book a [PCR test](#)
3. Please remind your child of the importance of sanitising or washing their hands throughout the day; and exercising good respiratory hygiene when they cough or sneeze. At Kimberley students are asked to sanitise their hands as they enter each classroom.
4. Please remind your son or daughter that they can wear face covering in lessons and in school if the wish to

By testing your child twice weekly, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep your child in school and help to keep the school open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household. Please contact Mrs Andrews, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing via email testregister@kimberleyschool.co.uk

This morning we have reminded all staff of the importance of maintaining good ventilation in classrooms and that they should encourage students to sanitise their hands at the start of a lesson and when they are

using equipment that has been shared with other students. After half term we will be deploying CO2 Monitors into classrooms to help staff understand how they can maintain good ventilation throughout the school day.

At the end of this letter I have copied some information on how you can access financial support if your child tests positive and you need to self-isolate. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Andrew George
Head Teacher

Financial support is available if your child tests positive and you need to self-isolate

If you are unable to work due to your child having, or displaying symptoms of, COVID-19, you may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate. You will be eligible if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app
- you are employed or self-employed
- you cannot work from home and will lose income as a result
- you are claiming at least one of the following benefits:
 1. Universal Credit
 2. Working Tax Credits
 3. income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 4. income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 5. Income Support
 6. Pension Credit or Housing Benefit