



Dear Parents and Carers

Control Measures from the 27th January

Following my letter to you on the 19th of January, I am writing to you to confirm the changes to control measures that will take place in school from January 27th. We are making these changes because national restrictions are being relaxed and because we have seen a reduction in the number of positive cases in school in the last two weeks.

From 27th January

- Students can wear a face-covering in school and in lessons if they wish to.
- Students who are exempt will no longer have to wear the orange lanyard but they should keep them in a safe place in case they are needed again.
- We will monitor the number of positive cases in school with the intention of reintroducing assemblies* for all year groups after the half-term break from February 21st

The following control measures for students will still remain in place

- The one-way system will remain in place. *This is particularly helpful in reducing congestion in key places and at key times of the day.*
- After the warning bell rings at 8:40 am students should go to their tutor room and must not linger on the school site.
- Students will still be required to sit side-by-side facing the front in most lessons. *However, in some lessons staff may choose to arrange seating differently for practical or paired/group activities*
- Students should sanitise their hands every time they enter a new room
- Students are encouraged to take and report LFD tests on Wednesday and Sunday evening during term time

In addition to the usual ventilation and cleaning measures, visitors are encouraged to take an LFD test before they attend the site and parents should not report to school without an appointment.

**An assembly for Year 8 and Year 9 will run on Wednesday 26th January. This has been requested by the police because a very small number of students in these year groups have been getting involved with some antisocial behaviour in the evenings and weekends. Face coverings will be worn in these assemblies and there will be good ventilation in the school hall.*

I have asked Mr Clemmet and Mr Knapczyk to ensure that students understand the changes in place from January 27th. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Year 9 Options Evening

Year 9 Options Evening will run online for parents and students on the evening of Thursday 10th February. This is the evening when parents and students can find out about the options choices for next year and also how the options process works – it will include a live online presentation. Mr Park will be in touch with parents as soon as possible to set out arrangements for the evening. We do know that this is not ideal but given the relatively high number of positive cases in the community, we feel that this is the right thing to do. Our priority continues to be to maximise the

attendance of students and staff and it would not be sensible to run an event like this until case numbers are lower. Please do be reassured that we will work with students and parents to make sure that you have access to all the information you need to enable you to make informed choices.

Vaccine/Immunisation

Following our recent communication regarding the School-Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) request for consent to administer eligible student's first or second COVID vaccination in school, we have received several enquiries about when flu vaccinations will take place again. The SAIS team have advised us that the flu vaccinations for our local area finished on 14th January and therefore they are now prioritising COVID vaccinations in schools over the coming months. They do not anticipate offering flu vaccinations in school again until the new programme starts in October 2022. Any text messages which you receive are coming directly from NHS England (as programme timescales vary across regions) and therefore you should enquire via your local GP if they can offer any earlier appointments if your child is vulnerable/at-risk or wait until the SAIS team resume vaccinations in school later this year. I am sorry that the school is unable to help you any further with this matter. We will be in touch with you as soon as we are informed when the SAIS team will visit the site to administer COVID vaccinations.

Finally, we are currently recruiting for Midday Supervision staff to join our friendly lunchtime team. Hours of work are between 12.15 -1.15 pm daily, term time only. If you are interested please contact office@kimberleyschool.co.uk for more information. You may have also heard that each Saturday, we are hosting a Polish School, as part of our lettings programme. This has been really successful and attended by over 460 pupils from Nottingham to Rotherham! This does mean that we are looking for additional lettings staff to support our increased offering of provision over the weekends so if you are available for on a Saturday or Sunday and would be interested in helping us to facilitate access to our school please do contact us using the above email address.

Yours faithfully

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Andrew George
Head Teacher