



Poynton High School

and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

Friday, 11 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on how we are working to protect students, staff and the wider community from the increased risk of COVID. You will be aware that rates have risen rapidly in Cheshire East and this has led to closures of Year groups in some local schools. We want to act to avoid a similar situation in our school. The various safety measures in school have certainly played an important part in ensuring that students can continue with face to face learning so successfully and I want to ensure that this remains the case for our learners. Much of the information below is similar to that which I sent home on 12 May and I am grateful for your continued support and for the cooperation of all our students.

Students will protect each other by wearing face coverings in classrooms from Monday 14 June

Students are already doing so on buses and in communal areas and I want to act now before infection spreads to reduce the impact in terms of ill health and loss of face to face learning. I know this is an inconvenience but it proved to be a really important measure in reducing infection. Some local schools have been advised by Public Health to bring back face coverings in classrooms and this is the case for all Stockport schools. It is better for us to do the same now rather than wait until it is too late. This is a return to the position in March and April.

Other mitigations will remain in place

Students should continue to wash and sanitise hands regularly and where possible should maintain distance from others. Windows in classrooms will remain open as ventilation is really important. We will also continue with staggered lunch and breaks so that students in different year groups are not mixing together in school.

Students in Years 7-13 should continue with the twice weekly home testing programme

The asymptomatic home testing programme continues to be important and students should continue to test on Sunday and Wednesday night and report the result to school and to NHS Test and Trace. If there are any positive results on a lateral flow device please email as soon as possible to covidsupport@pchs.cheshire.sch.uk.

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Email: info@pchs.cheshire.sch.uk

Home Lateral Flow Tests are also available for households

The option of regular home testing for other members of your household is also recommended. If you wish to do this you can order lateral flow tests at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

PCR tests for those without symptoms at Local Testing Sites (LTS)

Commercial Road, Macclesfield, SK10 1GA

- Opening hours 0800 – 2000
- Walk in
- On Portal (book appointment through national website - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>)

Residents are offered a PCR test and then given several lateral flow tests to take home.

Students should continue to take care outside school

Please encourage your child to take extra care and follow the guidance outside school. Social distancing and meeting outdoors rather than indoors remain important measures and will reduce infection spread.

Our students have supported each other by following the guidance and I am confident that they will continue to demonstrate the same positive approach in the weeks to come. I hope that the picture improves in the region and that some of these measures can be relaxed but until then I hope that you understand the need to keep everyone safe and learning in school. I hope that you and your family stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Dean
Headteacher