

15 July 2021



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Further information on Covid-19 in schools**

I am writing to you with some more information on how our school will operate, following the government's recent announcement on the easing of restrictions.

### **Contact tracing and self-isolation**

The government has changed how contact tracing will happen and the requirements for self-isolation when a person is identified as a contact of a positive case. Despite the government announcement that from Monday 19 July responsibility for contact tracing will pass from schools to NHS Test and Trace, we will continue to conduct our own track and trace procedures in school until the end of term. Therefore, it is imperative that you inform us immediately if your child tests positive for Covid-19 by emailing [covid@holderness.academy](mailto:covid@holderness.academy). **This includes a positive LFD test.**

Thereafter, if your child tests positive for Covid-19, you should contact NHS Test and Trace. Should your child become a contact of a positive case, you should hear from NHS Test and Trace and should follow instructions from them. It remains a legal requirement to self-isolate if directed by NHS Test and Trace.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

### **Continuing existing controls**

You are probably aware that rates of Covid infections amongst young people in Yorkshire are higher now than at any point during the pandemic and are continuing to rise rapidly. This is causing increasingly high numbers of students being required to self-isolate. Between now and the end of term, we will continue to do everything we can, to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus and keep as many young people as possible in school. We also wish to minimise the risk of students being required to isolate during the first part of the school holidays. We have been given very clear advice from Public Health teams across four Humber authorities to retain all existing control measures until the end of this term. We will therefore maintain our existing arrangements including the wearing of face coverings and maintaining separation between students in different year groups.

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## **Arrangements in September**

From September we will be operating within new government guidelines, including the removal of bubbles. We will retain a number of measures focussed on increased cleaning and hand hygiene. While we all hope for the best, we have been asked to plan for a range of different scenarios, and therefore, should the situation with the virus deteriorate again, we will have strong contingency plans in place. We will write to you again shortly with further details on arrangements for September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Wilson', written in black ink.

Mr S Wilson  
Headteacher