



9 April 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

New term update

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well and trust that you have enjoyed the Easter holidays. As we approach the return to school on **Monday 12 April**, I wanted to share some updates with you.

As you may already be aware, in line with the latest guidance from the Department for Education, face coverings need to continue to be worn in classrooms, corridors and communal areas from Monday. We were delighted with the positive way in which students embraced this rule before the Easter holidays and I urge all members of the school community to keep this up. Students should bring their own face covering to school, ensuring they wear it when crossing students from other bubbles en route and on any public or school transport. Students whose mask breaks during the school day will be given a replacement. If you would like to review any of our COVID arrangements, these can be found here:

<http://georgepindarschool.org/coronavirus-arrangements/>

We are grateful to all families who have kept up with lateral flow testing throughout the Easter holidays. We encourage all students whose families have given consent to take a test before the return to school on Monday morning then report the results to the NHS and by email to school: tests@gps.hlt.academy Anyone who receives a positive lateral flow test result should then take a confirmatory PCR test. Other family members can now access lateral flow tests and these can be collected at a variety of local collection points and the William Street Coach Park. Students will be issued with further lateral flow tests soon.

We are looking forward to seeing students tomorrow morning at 8.30am wearing their full uniforms. Please remind students that the only permitted jewellery is one pair of stud earrings and anyone wearing additional jewellery will need to remove it.

We hope that the coming term will be far less impacted by COVID and appreciate, as ever, your tireless support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Welsh
Principal

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