



# *The* COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that there are rising positive COVID cases in the Northwich and surrounding area. In school, we have recently seen an increase in positive COVID cases in a number of year groups across the school.

We have been in contact with the Cheshire West and Chester Public Health team since the start of term and in regular contact since the end of last week.

We have now been advised that we need to implement the following additional control measures from tomorrow (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October).

These additional control measures are:

- **Face coverings** are to be worn inside the building, with the exception of classrooms, unless the student/staff member/visitor is exempt
- The **cancellation of the Year 11 Information Evening** – a film of the presentations will be shared next week
- The **pausing of any enrichment clubs**, which includes students from across different year groups
- The **pausing of sports fixtures** against other schools
- The **pausing of group music practice** rehearsals, including the band
- The **pausing of assemblies with more than one-year group**

It is very disappointing that these joyous and rewarding experiences will have to be paused for now. We are hopeful that they will commence again following half-term and will keep all measures under review.

Please remind your child of the importance of:

- **Twice weekly testing**, where consent is given
- **Washing hands** using warm water and soap, and sanitiser
- Using **tissues** and discarding them in bins
- Following our **one-way system**
- Entering the building at the start of the day via their **year group entrance** (see attached guidance)



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We will continue:

- with increased **cleaning**
- to **open windows** and doors, wherever possible. Students should wear an additional layer under their jumper
- to have **separate entrances** for different year groups. **Please note, Year 7 students will now enter the building via the Main Reception entrance as from tomorrow (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October)**
- to have **three food serving locations**

In addition, students, staff and visitors should not attend school if they:

- have any of the **symptoms of COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test
- have received a **positive LFD test result for COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test and continue to isolate until the PCR result is received
- have received a positive PCR test result for COVID
- are required to **quarantine**
- have been told to **isolate** by NHS Test and Trace

We will brief students of these additional arrangements tomorrow morning. **Please do ensure that your child has a face covering, and a spare**, with them from tomorrow until further notice, unless they are exempt.

We share parents/carers and students disappointment that we were required by the Cheshire West and Chester Public Health team to withdraw from the cross country event at very short notice today. As stated above, we hope to return to our hugely successful enrichment activities as soon as possible and thank parents/carers and students for your understanding.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Snelson



Principal



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## For Reference Current Arrangements and Procedures

### Student Entrances at the Start of the Day

Year 7	Main Reception Entrance
Year 8	Entrance by the Canteen
Year 9	Service Drive Entrance (near MFL)
Year 10	A15/B17 Door
Year 11	PE Doors

**School Day** (all students start at 08:45 and finish at 15:20)

Tutor Time	08:45
Period 1	09:15
Period 2	10:15
Break	11:15
Period 3	11:35
Lunch	12:35
Period 4	13:20
Period 5	14:20
Canteen open from 8am Library open until 16:30 (Mon-Thurs), 16:00 (Fri)	

### Food Serving Areas

Year 7 and 8	Study Zone	Cold food/grab and go
Year 9, 10 and 11	Gym	Cold food/grab and go
All year groups	Canteen	Hot food

### School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn every day.

[Uniform and Equipment reminder](#)  
[Uniform Information - from website](#)

### PE Kit

Students are to come to school in their full uniform. On the days they have PE they will get changed into their PE kit.

### One-way System

We will continue with our one-way system to help with the safe movement around the building.

### Behaviour Expectations

We expect students to:

- Be ready to learn
- Be respectful and safe
- Embrace opportunities

Please find a link to our Behaviour for Learning policy below, which **clearly identifies our expectations and the consequences if these expectations are not met**

[http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour\\_for\\_learning.pdf](http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour_for_learning.pdf)



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## COVID Control Measures

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
  - continue to encourage washing of hands with soap and water
  - Hand sanitiser continues to be available at various points in the building
  - Tissues continue to be available and should be disposed of in bins
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
  - regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned more often
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
  - windows and doors are kept open wherever possible
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID (see below)**

### **Students must not attend school if they:**

1. have any of the **symptoms of COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
2. have received a **positive LFD test result for COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test and continue to isolate until the PCR result is received
3. have received a positive PCR test result for COVID
4. are required to **quarantine** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>
5. have been told to **isolate** by NHS Test and Trace

### **Close contacts** of COVID positive cases no longer need to isolate as long as they:

- are fully vaccinated
- are under 18 and 6 months
- have taken part in or are currently taking part of an approved COVID vaccine trial
- are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to get a PCR test and/or isolate. Unless told to isolate they are able to continue to come to school whilst they wait for the result.

### **Asymptomatic COVID Testing**

- For students/staff where consent has been granted, continue to test twice weekly in the home, following the initial two on-site tests
- Where consent has been granted, students under 12 should be tested by an adult, in the home
- Results (positives and negatives) should be uploaded to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If a student or member of staff has a positive test with the home testing kits, a PCR test should be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. They should not attend school



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### Face Coverings

- Appropriate\* face coverings should be worn by all students, staff and visitors, unless exempt, when in the building apart from classrooms

\*An appropriate face covering, includes:

- A mask
  - Masks should only cover the mouth and nose - no balaclava type masks
  - Masks must not have any inappropriate content on them
- The government expects and recommends people continue wearing a face covering on public transport.



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