

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH
Monday 29th November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please read the following information carefully in light of the Government announcement on the **28th November 2021.**

Masks

From Tuesday 30th November 2021 **ALL** students and staff must wear masks in all fluid/ communal areas of the school. Students can wear masks if they wish to in the classroom or in outdoor areas, such as the playground. Please can you ensure your child comes to school with their own mask.

Lateral Flow Tests

Last week we gave out boxes of Lateral Flow Tests to all students to take home. Tests should be taken on Mondays and Thursdays and all results – **negative, positive or void** are to be registered on the Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please see attached link of how to use the Lateral Flow Devices given out if you are unsure: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ShFizJtaT8>

If your child tests positive, please register this on the Government website and then let the school know as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive test result.

If your child becomes ill and receives a positive test result for Covid19, please email parents@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org with the details.

The details must include your child's name, tutor group and the positive test result that was sent to you by Public Health England in your email. You may also take a screen shot of this.

Please go on to our website and click on the special section called Covid 19 for all up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education and from Public Health for England and from the school.

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When to Isolate?

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of Covid 19, even if they are mild:

- You have a high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell and taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- You have tested positive for Covid 19 – this means you have the virus
- Someone who you live with has tested positive for Covid 19 and you are not double vaccinated.
- You have been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive

*If you are double vaccinated and the person you live with has tested positive for the Omnicron variant, you will have to self-isolate for 10 days regardless of your vaccination status. You will be instructed by the Government if this is the case.

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of Covid 19 or has tested positive for Covid 19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means that 14 days have passed since your final dose of a Covid 19 vaccine given by the NHS
- Your child is under 18 years and 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a Covid 19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Please check the NHS website for all regulations in relation to Covid 19 isolation -
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

After School Clubs

In the period of the 15 days leading up to the Christmas Break, clubs and interventions are to finish at 4pm to allow students and staff to get home safely during the rush hour.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal