

29th November 2021

Dear parents/carers

Following government advice this weekend, I am writing to update you on Uxbridge High School's position on COVID precautions as we move forward and until we receive any official DfE guidance.

In keeping with the national announcement we are asking **that from tomorrow students return to bringing face coverings to school every day** and wear these in communal areas such as corridors, when moving between lessons, in dining queues and in assemblies. The current advice from the government is that they do not need to be worn in classrooms, however students and staff may do so if they wish.

We also encourage staff and students to carry **personal hand sanitiser** with them and to regularly sanitise their hands.

We have continued with staggered arrivals and departures, split lunches and ensuring as much ventilation in classrooms as possible. We are currently considering a number of additional measures in case official guidance asks us to step up precautions. These include a possible return to teaching in bubbles, remote learning and one-way systems in school. We will advise should any of these or other measures be required.

You are reminded that all students should be completing twice weekly tests at home and reporting their results, whether they are positive, negative or void, through the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) site. You should also inform the school immediately of any positive results. If the test is positive, then the individual should also take a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible and follow the guidance given to them by the NHS. Any student who tests positive on a lateral flow device should not come into school unless they receive a negative PCR result. We would advise taking one of the two home tests on Sunday prior to each school week.

Looking ahead to January, the government has asked all schools to undertake on-site testing when students return to school. Any previous consent given for your son/daughter to be tested will remain. If you have not previously given consent for testing and would like to do so now, please complete the consent form at <https://tinyurl.com/UHS-Test-Jan22>. Equally if you would like to withdraw your consent please let us know by emailing office@uhs.org.uk.

At the time of writing this letter, there are no plans to cancel any planned events in school. However, we will consider each one on a case-by-case basis and in relation to guidance as it is given. The year 11 parents' evening on Thursday 9th December will continue to be held as a virtual event.

I am sure you will understand that we will continue to limit visitors on site and parents should only attend the school if they have an appointment. Any visitors should wear a mask whilst in school, unless they are exempt.

I will continue to update all parents as and when more information is received.

Yours faithfully



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