

5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we find ourselves in a situation of rising infection rates in Portsmouth and I am writing to make you aware of the things we have in place as a school in order to keep our students, staff and families as safe as possible.

In September the government asked us to write an outbreak management plan which would come into effect if more than 10% of a group e.g. Tutor Group or teaching group, tested positive for Covid in 10 days or less. Whilst we did have some positive cases last half term, we did not meet this threshold at any point and successfully made it to half term.

Maintaining our increased hygiene measures in classrooms and around the site, alongside the regular testing of our whole school community has no doubt played a huge part therefore, a big thank you to everyone for their ongoing commitment to this.

We will try to keep things as normal as possible for students this half term but may need to resort to the additional measures detailed in our outbreak management plan as the winter months approach. Possible additional measures include reintroducing face coverings, cancelling extra-curricular clubs and limiting movement on site. The school's full risk assessment can be found here: [Trafalgar School Risk Assessment](#).

With the number of confirmed coronavirus cases increasing in the city, please can I remind you not to send your child to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, and/or change in taste or smell. Symptoms being reported as commonly experienced by young people also include a sore throat and headache. In this instance, please ensure your child self-isolates, book a Covid-19 test promptly and inform us of the result as soon as you have it. Our teachers are uploading work to Google Classroom every day so students who are self-isolating can access their learning from home.

We thank you for your support during this time and know that, working together, we will continue to make the best decisions to keep the community as safe as possible and keep children in school and learning.

Yours sincerely,



Gemma Pearse
Head of School