



THE NOTTINGHAM EMMANUEL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last couple of weeks there has been a significant increase in the number of students testing positive with Covid 19. In consultation with Archway Learning Trust and Public Health England we have decided to implement some outbreak management measures to hopefully reduce in school transmission. These additional measures will be implemented from Monday, by the whole of the school community, and will last initially until October half term. Hopefully these measures, alongside a two week circuit-breaker holiday, will reduce the number of Covid 19 cases amongst our students and staff. These additional measures include the following:

- Students and staff (except those who are medically exempt) will be asked to wear face masks in the corridors and all communal areas around the school.
- Students must bring more than one mask to school, so they can change it during the day.
- Following the guidance are recommending that students also wear face masks during their lessons in classrooms (except those who are medically exempt). Students do not need to wear a mask during PE, when they have sat down to eat in the canteen (masks need to be worn in the queue) or when they are outside at break or lunch.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to maintain social distancing where possible and to regularly use hand sanitiser.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated to ensure that there is good air flow around the rooms.
- Whole year group Acts of Worship will be paused until after half term. Instead Acts of Worship will take place in tutor classrooms.

We are not moving back to year group bubbles so students will continue to utilise the specialised rooms and spaces around the school. Students will still be able to change for PE and access the school canteen every day.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have ordered more lateral flow testing kits and will be distributing them to students with consent once they arrive. Please continue to test your child twice a week preferably at the start of the day. If your child was to test positive please can you immediately email the school on admin@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk with the name of your child and their tutor group. Positive lateral flow tests need to be confirmed with a PCR test within 48 hours. Students must isolate between a positive lateral flow test and the outcome of a PCR test. If the PCR is negative they can return to school, if the test is positive they will have to follow NHS guidance and isolate for 10 days.

Covid Cases and Isolation

Please can I remind you all that students must stay at home and book a Covid test if they show any symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature above 37.8 °C, continuous dry cough or a loss of the sense of taste and/or smell). Other siblings may continue to attend school if they have not had any symptoms. If a member of the household tests positive all close contacts in that house should book a PCR test within 48 hours. Please keep your child at home whilst they await the results of a PCR test. Children under the age of 18 years and 6 months no longer need to isolate for 10 days after being in contact with a positive Covid



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19 case. Sixth formers over 18 years and 6 months will need to isolate for 10 days after close contact with a positive covid case unless they are double vaccinated. Students under 18 years and 6 months only need to isolate if they show symptoms and/or have had a positive test result. Test and Trace is no longer completed within in school. If your child tests positive the NHS will contact you to review close contacts.

Post 16 Open Evening 7th October 2021

We have made the difficult decision to postpone our Sixth Form Open Evening on 7th October. We really want to be able to hold this event in school, so we will reschedule the evening to be during the first week back after half term. More details will follow from the Sixth Form Team over the next week.

Year 11 Parents Evening 13th October 2021

Unfortunately whilst under outbreak management controls we are not able to hold our Year 11 parents evening face-to-face in school. This event will go ahead on Microsoft Teams. More details will follow later next week. We hope that parents evenings scheduled for after half term will be able to go ahead in school.

Thanks for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S. Stapleton
Principal