



## KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL LICHFIELD

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support over these last few weeks. It is always a busy time of year in schools and this year is certainly no exception. Our Year 11 and 13 students are now entering their final weeks in lessons. Although traditional exams are not taking place, they have still worked extremely hard to secure their GCSE and A level grades and continue to make us very proud.

It is wonderful that we have started to gradually introduce extra-curricular activities. These are so important for our whole school community. We hope to be able to further extend this offering as we move towards the final half term of the year.

### **Wearing of face coverings in school**

You may already be aware that the DfE have updated guidance on wearing face coverings in school. Based on the current state of the pandemic and the positive progress being made, the additional precautionary measures of wearing face coverings in classrooms are no longer recommended by the DfE. At King Edward VI School, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, students will therefore no longer be required to wear face coverings in classrooms or around the school site. However, we will continue to monitor local case numbers and any cases in school. The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.

Students who wish to wear a face covering in the coming weeks will be allowed to do so, provided that this is done consistently and sensibly. Face coverings **will also still be required** on public transport, school buses and for students who travel on the school mini-bus. West Midlands Railway have asked us to remind families that face coverings will continue to be mandatory in the station and on their services. Their latest travel info is available at [www.wmr.uk/coronavirus](http://www.wmr.uk/coronavirus).

Our one way system and promotion of hand hygiene will still remain a key part of our measures to keep staff and students safe. We will contact parents and carers again before half term with any further updates.

### **Covid Testing and attendance to school**

We anticipate that lateral flow tests will remain available to students who are taking part in regular testing. Please ensure that these are logged on the NHS website and that any positive results are reported to school via the attendance line as soon as possible.

Your child should not attend school if they have one of the three main Covid-19 symptoms

- a temperature
- a persistent cough
- a loss or change in taste or smell

In the event that anyone in the household has one of these symptoms, the whole household should isolate until a negative PCR test result is obtained. (Lateral Flow Tests are only for asymptomatic testing and not used in the event that someone has symptoms).

It is important we all continue to work together to keep our school community free of the virus and thank you once again for your support.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs L Hurn  
Deputy Headteacher