

4 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have had a happy and restful Christmas and New Year and everyone is ready for the return to school tomorrow.

As you may be aware a lot of information was sent to schools over the Christmas break, with lots of new and updated guidance. We have been busy behind the scenes checking this information in order to help the return to school run as smoothly and safely as possible. The guidance now advises us to take the following measures:

- Where possible Students will be encouraged to wear face coverings in classrooms (apart from those who are medically exempt.) This is in addition to wearing a mask in communal area and on transport.
- Students should take a LFT test on this evening or tomorrow morning and record the outcome on the NHS website [here](#), those parents/carers who gave permission before Christmas for their child/ren will be offered an LFT on their return to school tomorrow.
- All students and their families are expected to use LFT tests twice a week (when these are available) and if there are any positive LFT or PCR test results within the household to email [office@queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk) at your earliest convenience. Please ensure you register the results [here](#).
- Students who are fully vaccinated and who are a close contact of someone with a positive result can attend school if they can complete a daily LFT test and show no symptoms. (Students who are not vaccinated, cannot take LFTs or are displaying symptoms will need to isolate and follow the latest guidance)
- The recommended period of isolation has now reduced to 7 days – as long as there are negative LFT tests on day 6 and day 7 and there are no signs of a high temperature.
- In line with the latest guidance from the DfE, we will continue to make every effort to keep all class groups open for face to face learning. This will include the use of supply staff and groups being combined.

- If there are a cluster of positive cases or we are unable to safely staff groups, we may need to consider a move to remote learning. If this is necessary, we will continue to offer live streaming whenever possible as part of our remote learning package. Staff will make daily contact with the families of children who are working remotely – this is so that we can make sure everyone is safe.
- All of our students at Queen’s Croft are classed as “vulnerable” by the Department for Education because they all have an EHCP. We will prioritise face to face learning in school for the families of our students who have the highest levels of additional needs or vulnerabilities – keeping everyone safe will be our top priority.
- We are expecting further guidance from the DfE later this week about supporting the children of keyworkers during any future periods of remote learning.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact us at school. If we know what is worrying you then we may be able to find a way to help.

Thank you for continuing to support us during these very testing times.

Yours faithfully

Ms D Bailey  
Headteacher

