



Friday, 28 January 2022

Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Face coverings

The legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies. However, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

Staff and students in all year groups at Toot Hill School are welcome to wear face coverings in school if they wish to do so.

Student home test kit distribution

We are continuing to offer home testing LFD kits to all staff and students. Students can collect a free box of test kits from the mezzanine, outside the school canteen. These will be available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch time for all students so please encourage your child/ren to pop up and see us to collect theirs.

COVID-19 Testing

We strongly encourage our staff and students to continue to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests to help identify cases of Covid-19 promptly. We ask that in addition to notifying the NHS of their test result students also record their LFD results with school using the short online form found by following this link:

https://www.toothillschool.co.uk/forms/testing_result.php

COVID-19 Vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds

Parents of 12 to 15-year-old students will have recently received a letter sent on behalf of the School Aged Immunisation Service team inviting you to give consent for your child/ren to receive their Covid-19 vaccination at school. We expect these vaccinations to take place in school next half-term, however, as the NHS will be running this programme and we will serve purely as the host we have no further information at this time. The Department for Education and NHS stress that vaccinating children should help to reduce the need for children to have time off school and reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 within schools.

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Please note that the nature of this nationwide vaccination programme will mean that parents often receive quite late notice, often being informed the day before vaccinations take place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Eardley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'C' being a large, prominent capital.

Dr C Eardley
Head of School