



The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

7 September 2021

It has been a pleasure welcoming the students back to the academy over the last few days. Thank you for your support in completing the online consent form for the Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test. All students, where consent was given, have had their first tests, with second tests taking place early this week. This has ensured that all year groups are now back on site accessing their full education.

As you will be aware from previous letters, the guidance has changed significantly this year. Students are now able to move around the site freely and we have been able to remove staggered start and finish times. The rules around close contacts and self-isolation have also changed significantly. Anyone up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, **are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.** If there is a positive case at the academy, Track and Trace will contact any close contacts and those students will be advised to have a PCR test. My understanding is that the person who tests positive will provide the list of close contacts rather than the academy.

The academy does continue to have a number of Covid measures in place. These include:

- Classrooms have windows and doors open to allow ventilation into the rooms
- Tables in classrooms face forward and students are sat in rows
- Sanitiser stations at the entry point and also situated all around the site
- Staff have been asked, where possible, to teach from the front
- One-way system at key points to avoid busy corridors
- Staff and students to test twice a week using lateral flow tests.

All lessons will continue to be set on Satchel One for any student who may have to self-isolate due to testing positive for Covid-19. Do not hesitate to contact your child's achievement leader if you need support accessing the work.

We will be asking students and staff to tests themselves at home twice a week. This reduces the chance of anyone who is asymptomatic attending the academy. We will be issuing test kits to students on Friday to take home, they should test themselves every Sunday and Wednesday evening. If you already have a supply of tests kits at home, please email: contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk if no test kits are required

I will be in touch in the coming weeks to share the site developments from the summer break and with further information on the four academy 'values' that have been launched this week with students, in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours faithfully

P Willerton
Principal

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