

17th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to reiterate our expectations around uniform and behaviour, as well as to share with you our adjustments in relation to the pandemic.

School Uniform

Our expectations around school uniform are clear and are outlined in the school uniform policy shown on our website.

Key points to note are:

- Pupils must not wear false / acrylic nails
- Pupils must wear formal smart dress shoes and not training shoes.
- Pupils must not wear hoodies or branded sports wear
- Pupils must not wear facial piercings or have piercings of the tongue / soft tissue of the mouth
- Pupils must not wear false eyelashes

Due to the increased ventilation in classrooms we have recommended, that if pupils are cold, they wear a plain black or Forge Valley School branded hoodie underneath their blazer. The wearing of coats in lesson may be permitted by class teachers. Coats must not be worn on the corridor.

Mobile Phones

Pupils must not use their mobile phones when in the school building and they must be turned off at all times. Mobile phone will be confiscated if pupils are seen to be using them throughout the school day.

Behaviour out of School

There have been a number of complaints from local residents about the poor behaviour of some of our pupils on the way to and from school. If a pupil is seen to be bringing the school into disrepute as a result of poor behaviour, they will be dealt with in accordance with our school behaviour policy.

I look forward to your support in ensuring all pupils are treated equally and trust this guidance, along with our uniform policy, makes things clear.

We will be enforcing this guidance very strictly from Tuesday 18th January 2022. Any pupils not in the correct uniform will be sent home to rectify this. We retain the right to determine what is acceptable and individual cases will be referred to myself for a final decision.

Face Coverings

Please remind your child that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in school in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Pupils in year 7 or above should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

It would be very much appreciated if all parents/carers could provide their child with a face covering and stress the importance of wearing these in school.

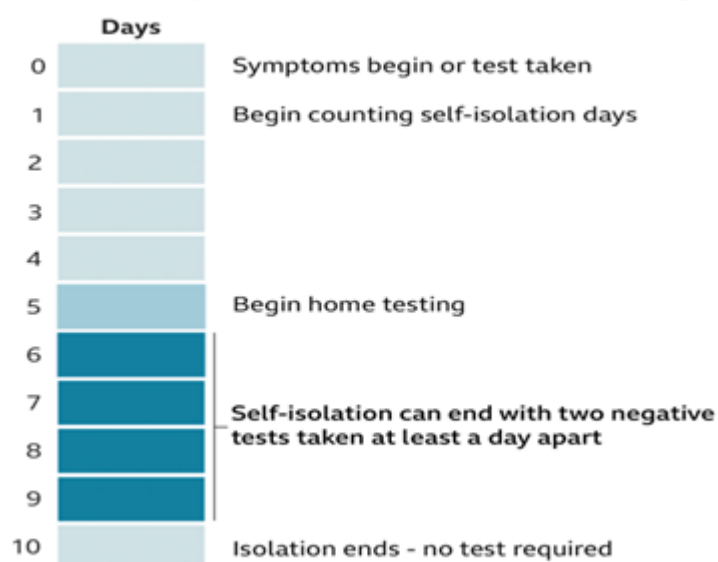
LFD Testing

We continue to encourage pupils to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests.

Isolation Periods – w/c Monday 17th January 2022

The flowchart below indicates the latest guidance if following a positive Covid test result:

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Please note:

Day 0 is the day you first have symptoms, or if you are asymptomatic the first day you have a positive test.

To enable pupils to come out of isolation earlier following a positive result, they can return to school as soon as they have the second negative LFD test. For pupils that require the full 10 days self-isolation they can return to school on day 11.

Vaccination

The government encourage all eligible pupils aged 12 and over to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Sheffield Immunisation Team have now confirmed Forge Valley School

vaccination dates as Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March 2022. Further information, including parent/carer consent will be issued shortly.

As always, many thanks for supporting the school during this time. Our collective efforts are making sure everyone is as safe as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Barrowclough
Headteacher

