



Cardinal Langley RC High School

'An Outstanding Catholic School' S48, March 2017

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am sure you are aware that the rate of Covid cases in the borough remains high. As a school we have had a low level of cases since September but these have been rising since the half term break. As we approach the winter months, we are also seeing an increase in non-Covid viruses and as a school we working closely with Public Health to limit the transmission of all infections.

Your support in limiting transmission is important and I would like to ask for your support with the following:

- **Face coverings** – these have been introduced in all Rochdale secondary schools and colleges. These are a temporary measure and for use in corridors and communal areas. Please would you ensure that your child has a face covering with them each day. We have a small number available for emergencies.
- **Hand hygiene** – we have sanitizer stations on all the school entrances and corridors for students to use throughout the day. Please can you encourage your child to use these regularly.
- **Lateral Flow Testing** – we have been informed by NHS Test & Trace that the number of students reporting their twice weekly lateral flow test results has declined in recent weeks. Regular testing is the main way to identify and isolate cases so that transmission can be reduced. The reporting of results is important as it may prevent further restrictions being imposed on school which may disrupt the education we can offer.

Public Health have also asked us to inform you each time there is a positive case in your child's teaching group. This is not to cause alarm but will allow you to take additional steps to protect them and your family. These letters will recommend that they take daily lateral flow tests before coming into school for a 10-day period and also book a PCR test between day 3 and 5. This will provide reassurance that there is no transmission and will allow any positive cases to be identified and isolated. These 'Warn and Inform' letters will now routinely be sent out to try and prevent the number of cases continuing to increase and I encourage you to follow the advice. Students can collect replacement test kits from Student Services.

Below is a summary of the latest information on vaccinations:

Vaccinations for 16-17 Age Group

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The decision is based on a review of the latest evidence and has been accepted by the Government.

The second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose. For those in this age group who have had the Covid infection, the second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive test result – whichever is later. Those 'at risk' will continue to be offered a second dose 8 weeks after their first dose.





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16 and 17 year olds will not be vaccinated through the schools programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service will be available from Monday 22 November for 16 and 17 year olds to book their vaccine. You can book a Covid vaccination appointment online [here](#).

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/>

Vaccinations for 12-15 Age Group

Over 1 million 12 to 15 year olds have now had a first dose of the vaccine. Parents should have received a letter direct from the NHS regarding how to book a vaccination in one of the community hubs if this didn't take place in school. You can also use the link above.

Vaccinations for those aged 40 to 49

The JCVI has advised that, in addition to those aged over 50 years and at higher risk, all adults aged 40 to 49 years should be offered an mRNA Covid booster vaccine, 6 months after their second dose, irrespective of the vaccines given for the first and second doses.

Parent Governor

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Alli-Balogun has been appointed as Parent Governor following the recent request for nominations. She has a wealth of experience that she will bring to the Board and will be an asset to the school.

I will continue to keep you updated with the latest information.

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

