



1st December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Face Coverings

Following on from the government announcement, schools have been instructed to reinstate the wearing of face coverings in schools for staff and pupils, in communal areas as of Monday 29th November 2021. There may be a small number of pupils whom are exempt from wearing a face covering. If your child has Asthma, this is not an automatic exemption and further information can be found on Asthma UK website.

If you feel your child is exempt from wearing a face covering or declines to, then please fill out the following form <https://forms.office.com/r/umymBY69q4>

This allows us to provide lanyards to these pupils what will make staff aware and prevent recurrent asking of them to wear a mask.

At Queensbridge School, we are taking a number of measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- Encouraging all staff and pupils to test regularly, twice weekly to minimise the risk to each other;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated; and;
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. We are therefore asking all parents to test their children on Sunday and Wednesday and help us to keep Queensbridge open and safe.

Please report any positive results on the covidresults@queensbridge.sch.uk email.

Home testing is a very important strand of our safety measures. By testing your child on Sunday and Wednesday, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep your child in school and Queensbridge School open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.

Pupils will be able to collect home test kits from school and bring them home with them - each week. Please ask your child if they have received these and help them to take the test and report their results if positive. Testing is free of charge.

The tests will come with guidance in multiple languages on how to take the test. You can also see this useful video to show you [how to take the test](#) - tests usually take a few minutes to do and you get the results in 30 minutes. Then all you need to do is to report the result to:

- NHS Test and Trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- To Queensbridge School

Financial support is available if your child tests positive and you need to self-isolate

If you are unable to work due to your child having, or displaying symptoms of, COVID-19, you may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate.

You will be eligible if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app
- you are employed or self-employed
- you cannot work from home and will lose income as a result
- you are claiming at least one of the following benefits:
 1. Universal Credit
 2. Working Tax Credits
 3. income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 4. income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 5. Income Support
 6. Pension Credit or Housing Benefit

Please contact the school nurse our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

If your child has, symptoms please book a PCR test, and inform school of any positive results. School does not contact trace any longer but does report all positive cases to inform our monitoring of transmission.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Reeves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

Mrs H Reeves
Headteacher