



12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see students back in school after the Christmas holiday and I am pleased they have settled back into learning well.

I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child wears a mask in school in indoor communal areas and classrooms. The majority of students have done this for the safety of all the school community. We have been providing masks to students who arrive at school without one but we have very limited supplies. It is therefore essential that students remember to have their mask with them each day (and preferably a spare).

I would like to thank the staff who undertook the lateral flow testing in school this week. These tests resulted in an extremely small number of students testing positive for Covid 19. It is really important that all students continue to regularly undertake lateral flow testing twice weekly and report results to both the NHS and to the school.

If there are any outbreaks of Covid-19 in school, I will write to parents of students in any affected classes and follow the College outbreak management plan.

## **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, students who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

## **Extracurricular activities and Personal Development**

An important and enriching aspect of school life is participation in extracurricular activities. The timetable of activities for this term will be published online soon. I am proud of the personal development programme in place for our students and the journey that students make in their time at Chalfonts.



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You may be interested to see the summary of this in the attached Personal Development map which captures many of the opportunities for students to develop skills, confidence and preparation for life beyond school.

### **Safeguarding**

If you have not already done so I strongly recommend you read the Safeguarding newsletter which was recently published. Here is the link to this newsletter [Safeguarding-Newsletter-CCC-Autumn-Term-Two-2021.253621986.docx \(live.com\)](#)

As part of our commitment to safeguarding students we have commissioned a safeguarding review which will take place over the next two weeks. This review is to ensure our processes and provision for students continues to be robust and up to date.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Whitehead**  
**Principal**