



# Abbey School

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Dear #teamabbey Families,

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you for your continued support throughout the start of this Half Term. I know that this continues to be an uncertain time for many people. I wanted to update you on the direction we will be taking regarding the changes to government guidance and the wearing of masks.

### Will my child have to wear a mask now that the guidance has changed?

We will be encouraging all students in Year 7 to Year 14 to continue to wear masks both in class and communal areas as this has helped our school community stay safe. Staff will also be encouraged to wear masks.

### Will you continue testing pupils?

For pupils that have permission, we will continue to test on Monday and Thursday's as again, this allows us to keep each other safe. For pupils that have been identified as a close contact, the recommendation is that they take an LFD test for 7 days. If your child has been identified as a close contact, the school will inform you and seek permission from you to undertake these at school.

### What other measures are in place within school?

As we have done all the way through the pandemic, regular cleaning and hand hygiene will be encouraged and hand sanitiser is available in every room, on corridors and at entrances as well as in our toilet facilities.

Regular ventilation of rooms continues to take place on the hour every hour with windows and doors being opened for a short time to allow for each room to be effectively ventilated.

### How do school manage mobile devices (Tablets and Phones)?

There have been a number of issues with mobile phones in school recently. Whilst pupils bring them to use on transport, it is the school's expectation that these are handed in each morning to either the Reception Team or the Class Team who will ensure they are locked safely away until the end of the school day. If a mobile device is found to be used in lessons by students, Class Teacher will remove the phone and it will be placed in Reception until the end of the day. If the device continues to be used after this day, the expectation is that it will be placed in Reception and we will ask a member of the family to then collect this. This is for the safety of all our staff and students.

As always, we will continue to update you with information regarding the updates around Covid 19 and thank you for your continued support. The family handbook can also be accessed from the school website here <http://abbeyschool.co/index.php/school-information/pta/parent-carer-handbook/> and you have your child's teacher as your first point of contact for any queries.

Thank you for continuing to help to keep our communities safe.

Wayne Askham  
Head of School

