



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Ukraine

As the terrible events in Ukraine have unfolded, our thoughts are particularly with the families and young people whose lives are in turmoil. Our school has tolerance as one of its core values, and we find the invasion of a European country that shares similar values worrying in many ways. In terms of how we are responding to the crisis, our pastoral team have been giving students and families directly affected support and we have been discussing the conflict during the PHSE curriculum. However, many of our students and staff wish to do more, and as from Monday we will be undertaking a range of charity events in conjunction with other schools in the Trust in support of the people of Ukraine.

Covid

I am sure you are now aware all formal and legal restrictions have been lifted in terms of Covid guidelines for schools. However, the Government and Trust has advised that we continue with some of the control measures. From Monday 7th March:

- Students will no longer be allowed to wear coats in lessons. Although the classrooms will continue to be well-ventilated, it is not required that classroom doors and windows are left permanently open and therefore there will be no need for coats;
- Both the social-time zones with their allocated food area and toilets, and the one-way system around the school remain in place. These are in place to ensure a calm atmosphere is maintained during both social times, and transitions between lessons and movement around the school.
- Hand sanitiser will still be available, and students will be encouraged to maintain high levels of hygiene;
- Face coverings will remain voluntary: although, we continue to recommend that all students wear a face covering on school transport;
- Self-isolation: students are no longer required to self-isolate;
- Testing: students are no longer required to test twice weekly: the school will no longer be issued with lateral flow tests to give to students. Therefore, students are expected to attend school;
- Public Health Guidance - children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting;



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- School attendance is mandatory. This means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly.

Yours sincerely,



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