



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

WGS Newsletter (05) COVID Update (21/09/2021)

Vaccination Programme – Years 8 to 11 only

You will have heard in the media that the Government have, on recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer, decided to run a vaccination programme for the COVID-19 virus. Attached you will find the Covid-19 Vaccination Pack for Parents and Careers produced by the Oxfordshire School-aged Immunisation Team. This pack includes detailed information about consent.

The process is being run by the School-aged Immunisation team (SAI). Should you have any questions concerning the vaccination please use the details contained in the pack to contact SAI in preference to contacting the school.

In the next few days, we will send out the letter from SAI explaining how parents/carers can give consent, which will be via an online system managed by SAI directly. We will also give more details about the exact dates for the vaccinations; these will definitely be during October.

School Process concerning Covid – all students years 7 to 13

If your child is off school for any Covid-19 related reason, please notify the school as you would with any other absence via Insight <https://insight.wgswitney.org.uk/INSIGHT/secure.aspx>

1. We would ask that students continue with the LFD testing and log their results on the NHS Test and Trace portal every Wednesday and Sunday.

If your child receives a positive LFD test result, please inform school via Insight as above, and book a PCR test for them. At this stage, only the student with the positive LFD result needs to get a PCR test and stay at home. The PCR test result, positive or negative, must be notified to school via Insight. If negative, return to school.

2. If your child develops Covid symptoms as below, please book them a PCR test and log the absence via Insight as above. The PCR test result, positive or negative must be notified to school via Insight. We would ask that students stay away from school until they have a negative result from this test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest/back, or a temperature over 37.8C
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child is at home due to a Covid related absence and is well enough, they can log on to their lessons via Microsoft Teams.

Yours sincerely

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