

Emailed on 14th December

Dear members of the Langley community,

As we approach the last days of Michaelmas term, please find the following reminders and updates in regard to Covid guidance and procedures.

Thank you

May we once again thank everyone in our community for the important part you have played to assist us to manage the risk of Covid within our community. The Covid landscape is ever changing, particularly with news of the Omicron variant, we will continue to closely monitor and adjust risk mitigation as required, breaking communication down into bite size updates to reflect the most prominent, and necessary changes.

Combined commitment

Rest assured our community health and wellbeing will be at the heart of our decision making, we in turn, ask you to continue to read through Langley School Covid updates and use the coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk mailbox as a focal point for any covid related communication.

Communication over the Christmas Period

With government guidance changing in quick succession over the past week, with this address we will concentrate on the factors moving into the Christmas Break. **30th December 2021** we will release a further Covid update, ready for the start of Lent term. This update will be e mailed to all members of the community. We realise that the Christmas period offers precious downtime for many, so for those who would prefer not to access their e mail over the Christmas Break, if we could kindly ask you just to 'check in' to the **Covid-19 link** on the Langley website, after this date, before you return, so you are up to date with any changes you need to be aware of prior to the start of term. If guidance changes after the 30th December, we will of course continue to update the website link and e mail as applicable.

Lateral flow test kit collection and holiday testing

Please could all staff and pupils/students' year 7 and above, ensure they collect enough test kits prior to leaving school for the Christmas break to enable them to continue to test twice weekly, with a further test on the evening before or morning of return to school January. Further updates of close contact testing will be provided within our update of 30th December.

Test kits can be collected for Matron (Prep Site) or the Main House Reception (Senior Site), please ensure you sign for your kits as you collect them.

Log your test results

Please continue to record your test results, whether negative, positive or void to the NHS test and trace website and the school portal, for ease of recording please follow the connecting links via the website Covid-19 website link.

Reminder notification

A pre return reminder text will be sent the evening before return, to all those eligible to test through the school testing programme, testing is voluntary but we would strongly encourage you continue to twice weekly lateral flow test over the Christmas break, prior to return and twice weekly thereafter, to ensure we are on the front managing any cases in our community.

Vaccinations (Information supplied by DfE)

It not too late for people to get their first or second vaccine dose and parents can help by encouraging their school/college age children to get vaccinated. Parents of children aged 12-

15 that have not yet had their first vaccine can book their child's first vaccination slot over the winter break via [the national booking system](#).

On Sunday 12th December, the Prime Minister, together with the NHS launched an urgent national appeal calling for everyone to get the vaccines they are eligible for, including boosters as they offer a higher level of protection against the new variant. As a result, all adults will now be offered a booster jab by the New Year, bringing the target forward by one month, to check your status or book a booster vaccination visit the [NHS website](#).

Anti-microbial treatments

In addition to deep cleaning and touch point sanitising, we will be anti-microbial treating both sites and the school buses, over the Christmas Break to ensure that our surfaces remain touch safe and to reduce the spread through our community.

May we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New year.

Kind regards

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