

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from the letter we sent last week, please be aware of the update from the UK Health Security Agency to isolation following a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT):

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results.

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

In the latest guidance on isolation periods, the government have now clarified that if the LFD tests taken on day 6 and day 7 of the self-isolation period 24 hours apart are negative, the student can return to the Academy on day 7 if the tests have been taken in the morning.

Finally, following further guidance in relation to examinations, face coverings are optional once seated in the examination hall, but clearly students can wear a face covering if they would like to.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson Academy Headteacher



