

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parent,

Covid Update

As you may have heard in the news the government has made announcements changing national covid guidelines. There is still an expectation on each school to undertake an individual risk assessment and put in any necessary measures to ensure the safety of everyone. With this in mind we have reviewed the local infection data which remains high and the number of cases we have in school and have decided that face coverings are still to be worn in classrooms as well as the communal areas unless exempt. This will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Vaccinations

If you wish for your daughter to have the vaccination or her second jab then she can attend the centres that have been established locally. Byron Hall has now extended its opening hours. It is open today and tomorrow until 8pm, 10am to 6pm on Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Appointments can be booked by calling 0203 745 7748.

Building 5 at Harrow Civic Centre is open weekdays from 8am to 8pm and weekends 10am to 6pm. Full details of vaccinations in Harrow are on the Harrow council website.

If you have any queries about the vaccine North West London Healthcare is running webinars about the vaccine rollout for 12-15-year-olds. The next one is on Wednesday 26th January from 7pm to 8pm. A GP and paediatrician are among those on the panel. The sessions will be recorded. Further details can also be found on the Harrow Council website.

Symptoms

In the meantime, we will continue to work together to protect everyone. As a reminder pupils should not be in school with any of the omicron symptoms without having a negative lateral flow test. The symptoms for the omicron variant include a sore throat, runny nose and a headache as well as the established symptoms of loss of taste or smell, a new cough and a high temperature.

Positive cases and close contacts

If pupils have tested positive then they must report their result and follow the self-isolation rules. If any pupil is a close contact of any one in their household who has covid or any one in school then they must take a daily LFT before coming to school.

School work

If your daughter is feeling well but is still needing to self-isolate she should continue to keep up to date with all school work. Work will be a mixture of live lessons on teams and information on teams and show my homework. She should follow her normal timetable.



As always, I apologise for the length of this letter but I felt it was important to send a series of reminders. Sadly, covid is very much part of our daily reality and has not gone away. However, it is through the strength of our community in supporting each other that all can remain safe and can continue to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Geraldine Higgins'.

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