

EBR/SJS

31 January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am aware that there may be some confusion in how the changes to restrictions across BFC will impact on students and schooling. With that in mind I wanted to consider the most frequently asked questions since the change of restrictions. These are not exhaustive and if any queries remain after reading this then please do not hesitate to contact school and we will seek to give you clarification:

FAQs

1. **My child is ill/symptomatic. Should I keep them off school?**

Yes. Your child should stay at home and you should contact your medical centre by telephone.

2. **Will my child need to wear a mask to school?**

Students/Staff will only need to wear face coverings on the bus and if they have been identified as a close contact. This will be as part of a range of measures to ensure the school community remains safe. As such you should send your child to school with a face covering in case it is required.

3. **Will my child have to isolate if they are identified as a close contact?**

No, you will be informed by text/email that they have been identified as a close contact. They will need to test at the school test centre to remain in school and will be expected to wear a face covering. We will use the consent you have already given to test. Should you not have given consent then your child will be placed in isolation, and we will contact you to collect them.

4. **Will the Station continue to offer testing facilities?**

The Station will offer the school testing facility as previously, with tests taking place twice a week. Should you not already have sent consent to use this facility and, based on the new restrictions would now like to consent, then please contact school.

5. **In what case(s) will my child require to take a PCR test?**

PCR testing will not be necessary for attendance at school. Should this be a requirement you will be guided by the medical team/JSHU.

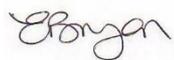
6. **Are there any differences between the restrictions for a household contact or a close contact?**

There are now no differences between the previous categories of contacts. As such all close contacts, household or otherwise will be treated the same i.e. LFDT to remain.

This list is not exhaustive and should you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your support as we strive to provide the best education for our students at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Bryson', written in a cursive style.

Emma Bryson
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