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## Educating with care to succeed

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the government's announcement last Monday regarding the delay to the country returning to normal I thought it important to write to you to outline what this means for us at Buckler's Mead Academy and to highlight some slight changes.

The new variant of the coronavirus is exhibiting different symptoms, with a headache, sore throat and runny nose now the most commonly reported symptoms.

Please can we ask that any student who has these new symptoms be kept at home until they recover and that they take a lateral flow test to confirm if they are COVID-19 negative or positive.

For those students who demonstrate any of the more usual coronavirus symptoms of a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, the guidance currently remains the same.

Students who have these symptoms must self-isolate and arrange to get a PCR test. They must continue to self-isolate if they test positive, not meet up with others and follow the stay at home guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)

If you're not sure, you can find out which coronavirus test is the most appropriate here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

### Lateral Flow Tests

The importance of regular testing to identify cases and prevent the further spread of COVID-19 is an essential part of the national effort to reduce the number of people infected and enable further unlocking of restrictions. Mrs Bell and Mrs Parry are regularly ensuring that all families have access to lateral flow tests.

It is essential these are done twice weekly with the academy informed of the result at: <https://forms.gle/m8tiTKRVsLXuY8gi6>

and on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>



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In the event of a positive case ONLY please ensure you contact the following email address: [reportcase@bucklersmeadacademy.com](mailto:reportcase@bucklersmeadacademy.com)

**Face Masks**

Please help us to reduce the threat of COVID-19 in school by ensuring your child has a face mask and is aware that they must wear it when moving around in corridors. Please also remind them of the importance of hand sanitising, using the stations available in every classroom.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Lawrence', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**MARK LAWRENCE**  
**Acting Headteacher**