

## THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

You may be aware that the guidance on face coverings in education has been amended to reflect that from Monday 17th May face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and colleges. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. The Government continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.

Rates of Covid cases in our local area are low and we have always been guided by Public Health and the Department for Education guidance. With that in mind, from next Monday (17th May 2021) it will therefore be optional for students to wear face coverings around the school site and/or in lessons. For staff, it will be mandatory (unless exempt) to continue wearing a face covering when transitioning around the site or in a place where they cannot maintain two metres from pupils or other staff.

This is the only change: all of our other control measures remain. Bubbles, learning zones, hand hygiene and social distancing are still in place and we will remind all students and staff of the necessity of these actions. We are very supportive of any member of our school community wishing to wear a mask at all times if they want to. Please remember that masks / face coverings are still mandatory on public transport, shops and all other indoor communal areas.

**Home Testing for Pupils** 

All families will have been provided with Home Testing Kits (HTK) to allow you to continue to test your son / daughter. Additional kits will be distributed on week commencing 17th May 2021, please ask your son/daughter to go directly to student services if they are absent and do not receive their testing kit. It is essential that you log the result of your test here as we have previously requested.

**Positive Test Results** 

The school WILL NOT receive notification of the result which you will upload directly to Test & Trace, as such we would ask families to share the result with the school ONLY if your son or daughter tests positive. Please do contact school at admin@lns.org.uk if you have any problems with testing or recording your child's results.

**Testing** 

test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to) preferably

on a Sunday and a Wednesday or Thursday

report results <u>online</u> as positive, negative or void to the school

test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before,

or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

Families can access additional testing kits here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-

pupils-and-staff

**Staff Training Days** 

We have a staff training day on  $Monday\ 24^{th}\ May\ 2021.$  The School will be CLOSED to ALL pupils on

this day. We will send additional reminders to parents nearer the time.

Year 11 and 13 students

We could not be prouder of the efforts of our Year 11 and 13 students that are nearing the end of their final assessments. We will be writing to these families early next week to provide specific details of the education provision we will have in place for the remainder of their education at LNS beyond Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

May 2021.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. M Schofield

Headteacher