



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on the changes we are making in school as a result of the government's latest guidance on Covid safety measures. As you will be aware, from Thursday 24th February, many restrictions are being relaxed and here at Fearnhill we are, of course, working according to Department for Education guidelines. As a result there are some changes you need to be aware of.

Masks

From Thursday 24th February, masks will no longer be required in school for students or staff. We understand and support anyone who prefers to continue to wear a mask and we will keep a stock in school. The virus has not gone away and we need to protect our community, so we will be continuing with our focus on good ventilation and enhanced hygiene measures around the site.

PE kit and uniform

From Monday 28th February, we are returning to our expectation that all students come to school in full uniform every day, bringing PE kit to change into for their lesson. I know you will agree with me that we need to be as 'normal' as possible with our school life, and expectations around uniform and appearance are very important for this. All students can access a locker in school if needed; these can be booked via School Gateway until the end of term. Please email admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk with 'locker' in the email title to arrange this. We will be carrying out uniform checks from Monday 28th February and all students need to be familiar with our expectations. They can be checked here: <https://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>.

Reporting Covid cases and test kits

Please continue to report all cases of Covid when reporting student absence as we need to record these. It is no longer a requirement for anyone to self-isolate if testing positive, but we do need to know if your child is attending school with the virus. Your common sense and judgement are, as always, needed here as with any illness. There is no longer a recommendation to test twice weekly at home, but we do have some test kits available if needed. Just email the school office and we will support you.

Thank you as always for your continued support as we move forward. Our students deserve the very best we can deliver and our partnership with you as parents and carers makes this possible.

Yours faithfully

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