

Headteacher - Ms E Ellis BA, MA

2nd February 2022

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on the Covid safety measures we need to reintroduce from tomorrow, Thursday 3rd February. Unfortunately we have had a substantial increase in the number of Covid cases amongst students and staff. This has put pressure on our ability to continue to deliver full teaching and learning on site. In order to protect the school community and avoid the need to send groups of students home, from tomorrow we will;

- reintroduce the wearing of masks on corridors and in communal areas
- increase the use of sanitiser and wipes around school
- update the cleaning schedule to increase coverage in busy areas
- ensure that teaching and operational staff maintain social distancing when teaching as much as possible
- maintain the good ventilation and use of CO2 detectors already in place.

We are also reintroducing our programme of weekly testing of students during form time. If you have already given consent for this, there is no need to contact us. However, if your consent details have changed, please contact <u>admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk</u> and include 'testing consent' in the title of the email. We have stocks of test kits in school and can supply them to you if you let us know via email as above. Please continue to test twice weekly at home and ensure your child has a mask to wear in school, unless they are exempt. We will use our current records for those with exemptions; please let us know via the email above if your situation has changed.

We will review these arrangements at half term, and I will update you with any changes. In the meantime, thank you as always for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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