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Re: Headteacher COVID-19 Update

Dear Parent/Carer

The Prime Minister has confirmed that we will move to step 4 of the government roadmap from Monday, 19 July. With this in mind, I want to provide you with an update of what this means for Carleton High School.

Step 4 Update

The step 4 updated guidance can be found here:

[Step 4 update - what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

From Monday 19 July:

- “Bubbles” will no longer be required, however, they will remain in place until the end of term.
- Contact tracing will be taken over by NHS Test and Trace, therefore school will no longer undertake this task in response to a positive case.
- Face masks will no longer be required on public transport, in classrooms or other indoor communal areas, therefore, there will be no requirement for students or staff to wear a face mask in school (individuals may continue to do so, if they wish).
- Whilst it will not be mandatory to wear face coverings on public transport it is a recommendation that face coverings are worn on dedicated transport to school when prevalence is high. This will be kept under review.

In addition, from Monday, 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 (and adults who have had two doses of the vaccine) will no longer be required to self-isolate if identified as a close contact. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test. Those with symptoms or those who test positive, should still self-isolate as they currently do. Asymptomatic testing will resume in September and a positive lateral flow test result should continue to lead to self-isolation whilst awaiting confirmation from a PCR test.

Start of Term – September 2021

The government’s announcement includes the requirement for secondary schools to offer two on-site lateral flow tests, taken 3-5 days apart, to all students who wish to be tested as part of their return after the summer break. This will not be a condition of return, but all students are encouraged to participate. We shall assume that all students for whom we have already received consent will want to participate; if anyone who has previously given consent no longer wishes to participate, or vice versa, please email admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk by **Thursday, 22 July 2021**. We will write to

parents of new Year 7 students separately to request consent. Following these on-site tests, students will revert to twice-weekly home tests.

To allow a seamless transition back into school for all year groups, the two lateral flow tests will take place prior to all students returning to school on **Wednesday, 8 September**. The two lateral flow tests will take place on **Friday, 3 September and Tuesday, 7 September** and your child will be required to attend on both dates during the allocated timeslots below:

Year group (2021-2022)	Friday 3 September	Tuesday 7 September
Year 7	8.00- 9.30	8.00- 9.30
Year 8	9.30- 10.30	9.30- 10.30
Year 9	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Year 10	12.30-1.30	12.30-1.30
Year 11	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00

You will receive a text message on Thursday, 2 September to remind you of the date and time slot which your son/daughter should arrive at school for their lateral flow tests. Students do not need to wear their uniform and should enter the school through student entrance and go straight to the sports hall.

We greatly appreciate your continued support. As always, should you have any queries please contact school via the normal channels.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Cross
Headteacher