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THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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**THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)**

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Dear Parents/Carer,

COVID-19 – updated guidance and procedures

I am sure you will have seen the widely publicised changes to COVID-19 restrictions and guidance related to self-isolation, asymptomatic testing, and face coverings. However, the guidance issued to schools has not been publicised to the same extent and there are some differences.

The main points are outlined below:

- Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing – no longer a requirement to test at least twice a week (this means we will not send your child home with LFD test kits for the foreseeable future as we are no longer supplied with them in the same quantity).
- Face coverings – we have changed our guidance to a ‘strong recommendation’ to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas. I do hope that this will continue to limit the small number of Covid cases we have and further reduce the number of absences from school.
- School Transport - bus companies will inform you if they require passengers to wear face coverings; otherwise please assume that there is no need to wear one on the bus to and from school. However, I would still strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings.
- Self-isolation – students and staff are still required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19, details on this are as follows:
 - If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 they should self-isolate and get a PCR test (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-inchildren/>)
 - If your child’s PCR test is positive for COVID-19, they will need to self-isolate for at least 5 days. They can return to school once they have had two negative LFD test results on consecutive days.
 - This link is particularly helpful (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-andtheir-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>)
- Hygiene – we will continue to make hand sanitisers available in classrooms, and there continue to be several fixed stations around school.

As we head towards the Easter break, we anticipate a busy half-term which will see the school returning to its normal ways of working, more so than when we returned in September.

Thank you again for the continued support you give to the school and your child, as we work together towards a much more normal time in school.

Yours sincerely

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