

**HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Term 4 to all students and families. I hope all of the community managed to get some good time despite the weather. I know many of our community will have heard the announcements with regards the next phase of Covid-19 (Living with Covid) and may have been wondering what this means for students in Bristol Met. We are still expecting some further clarifications over the coming days but as it stands we believe it as the below.

In summary:

1. Twice weekly testing is no longer being requested for students or staff in Education settings. We are asked to not provide test kits anymore and won't be receiving further supplies. We still have some in stock though so if you would like any in the short term please ask at Student Reception. Until 1<sup>st</sup> April you will be able to order LFDs from online or collect from pharmacies. From 1<sup>st</sup> April the intention is for free testing to end.
2. Self-isolation for anyone testing positive is no longer a *legal* requirement. However, until 1<sup>st</sup> April it is still *requested*. Therefore we will continue to operate in the same way we were for the last few weeks of term. Anyone testing positive (most likely because you have symptoms as routine asymptomatic testing is no longer being requested) should stay away from the Academy until you receive two negative LFD tests 24hrs apart, a maximum of 10 days. After 10 days you can return to the Academy regardless of test results (unless you are still unwell in which case normal absence procedures apply).
3. Close contact tracing will no longer be carried out and close contacts are no longer asked to take daily LFDs. In essence, close contacts are no longer recognised as a thing. Only positive tests themselves.

As always, as further information is received we will provide further updates. In the meantime if you are unsure of how any changes may affect either a student or family please do contact us and we will do our best to support.

With regards the situation in Ukraine it is of course concerning given the uncertainty it creates and the fact that a number of our families have connections to Eastern European countries as well as Russia. We will be doing some work during Tutor periods over the coming days to recognise the difficulties, as always, that civilians on both sides face but particularly those in Ukraine. In the meantime should any students need additional support please do ask them to speak to their Tutor or House Team.

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Best wishes,



Mr C Shaw  
Principal