



18th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

Covid Isolation Rules Changes

There has been a further change to the isolation guidance. The government have changed the isolation period so that a person who is positive for Covid 19 can now take a LFT test on the 5th day of their isolation. If this is negative, they can then test again on day 6. If this day 6 test is negative, they have no temperature and feel generally well, they are able to end their isolation and return to school.

Concerns over Vaping

There has been a sharp rise in the number of students caught with vapes / vaping in school. From our contacts across Greater Manchester, vaping is on the increase amongst young people. Vapes are a prohibited item and as such are banned in school. They are covered by our school Behaviour for Learning policy. It is prohibited to sell/buy e-cigarettes or vapes to under 18 year olds. We are aware that the chemicals in e-cigarettes are harmful to young people. We also know that there is a progression from using e-cigarettes to smoking.

We would like to ask for parents' support. Could parents please check their sons and daughters belongings and if they find a vape, please confiscate?

We will also be speaking to the students in assembly that if we have any reason to believe a student may be vaping/ bringing vapes to school we have the authority to search their belongings. Students found with vapes/vaping can expect a serious consequence.

Thank you for your continuing support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne O'Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ms J O'Grady
Headteacher**