

CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and important reminders

It has been great to welcome our wonderful students back this week and we hope you have all managed to have a relaxing half term break.

Despite the many successes of the school and the low positive COVID-19 cases up until this point, I would like to provide the community with a number of important reminders about how we can keep each other safe. It is important for us all to bear in mind that teenagers are in the highest risk of contracting the COVID-19 infection across the country. Therefore, being safe at school will help us all <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-59088284>

As a reminder:

1. Lateral Flow Tests - can we please remind all parents to encourage their child(ren) to complete two lateral flow tests per week. Knowing that the students attending school have a low viral load is important for everyone's safety
2. COVID-19 vaccinations - COVID-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds will take place at CoDA on Thursday 11th November 2021. Thank you to those parents who have already booked a vaccination appointment for their child(dren). If you have not yet booked an appointment but would still like to please follow the link <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Covid> and complete the online form. Nadhim Zahawi (Secretary of State for Education) has written a letter to parents, carers and guardians about the importance of children aged 12 to 15 getting their COVID-19 vaccine <https://bit.ly/codavaccineupdate>
3. Additional Preventative Measures in place include-
 - a. Regular sanitising
 - b. Keeping to the left when moving around school
 - c. Staff and students have the option to wear face coverings.
 - d. Well-ventilated rooms
 - e. If your child displays signs of the COVID-19 symptoms or receives a positive lateral flow test result, please keep them at home and request a PCR test via the NHS Test & Trace service.

We are monitoring the cases daily. If cases increase significantly we will have to put contingency measures in place which may include mandatory face coverings for all, 'zoning' students at break and lunch time and staggering the entrances and exits before and after the school day.

Coffee mornings – We will be hosting our first coffee morning at 9am on Wednesday 10th November. A letter about this event has already been distributed. The focus is to support parents to access the various online systems we use, e.g. Go4Schools, School Cloud, etc. For more information or to register your interest please contact school.

Governors – if you are interested in becoming a School Governor at the City of Derby Academy, please complete the register of interest form, which can be found on our website. <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/school-governors/>.

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INSET - our next INSET day will be on Monday 15th November 2021. School will be closed to all students. School will reopen on Tuesday 16th November.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Smith
Proud Headteacher