

18th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we settle into this half term I wanted to write to you to provide you with an update on the Covid -19 situation in college.

We continue to be impressed with the way that our students have adapted to the 'new normal' across the college. They have adopted the additional health and safety measures that we have introduced and are being supported to implement these controls. We are continuing to emphasise the need for students to wear face masks in communal areas and ensuring there is regular hand sanitisation throughout the college day.

I would like to thank parents/carers for working with us by following our attendance guidance and not sending your son or daughter to college if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. **Could I also remind you that your child should stay at home if someone in the household is showing symptoms or is being tested. If your child is isolating and takes a test, the result should be emailed to emma.boswell@coopacademies.co.uk as soon as it is received (including evenings, weekends & holidays).** Should you have any questions about this, then please do get in touch and we will support you with this.

We continue to experience positive cases in both year groups although the frequency of cases appears to be reducing and some positive cases haven't affected other students because they were already isolating. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your understanding of the measures that we have been required to take following our communications with Public Health England.

We ask that students who are asked to isolate follow their normal timetable as far as possible, taking part in live and recorded lessons, completing work and other tasks set by their teachers on Google Classroom. This period of absence will not affect attendance records.

Finally, we continue to be aware that this is a period of real uncertainty for us all. We understand that this can impact young people in different ways and would wish to remind you that should you have any concerns about your child please contact us and we will work with you to further support them.

Best wishes

Jane Hopcroft
Principal