

16th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Covid-19 further Positive Cases at Waverley Studio College: College Closure for Year 10

Over the weekend we have had further positive Covid-19 PCR/LFT test results, which means a number of our staff and students now must self-isolate. Given the impact this has had on our teaching and support staff, we have to implement the following:

From Monday 17th January until Friday 21st January 2022 Year 10 will participate in online learning as part of our remote education offer. This means if your Son/Daughter is in Year 10, they must stay at home and access their lessons using our Student Portal. Students can access the Student Portal by visiting the college website www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk. Once they are on the homepage, students should click 'Learning Portals' and then 'Student Portal'. They can then use their College Username and Password to access the portal. As part of our Remote Education offer, we use the Microsoft Teams package and all work is set using this. Teachers may also set work using programmes such as Hegarty Maths, Kerboodle and other online resources. There are links to these websites for students to access from the Student Portal.

If you son/daughter has difficulty in accessing our Student Portal or if they need to be loaned a laptop by Waverley Studio College, please e-mail enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk.

We will continue to offer face to face education to all of our Year 11, Year 12 and 13 students. Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 should continue to attend College as normal. During this time, we are asking our Sixth Form Students to test daily for Covid-19 using the LFT testing kits we have supplied.

In order to mitigate the risk to students, Waverley Studio College has introduced the following preventative measures:

- **Wearing of Face Coverings** – We strongly encourage staff and students to wear face coverings in communal areas of the College. Please ensure your Son/Daughter has a face covering when they arrive to College.
- **Increased Cleaning** – touch and contact points will be cleaned more regularly to try and reduce infection.
- **Twice weekly LFT testing** – we strongly recommend your Son/Daughter conducts an LFT test twice a week. Please share this result with the College using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rFycwimHBp>
- **Ventilation** – classrooms and communal areas will be well-ventilated.
- **Household Testing** – After consultation with Public Health England, we strongly

advise that all members of your household complete a PCR test if your Son/Daughter has testing positive or displays Covid-19 symptoms.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 119.

As always, we really appreciate and value your support at this difficult time. We will endeavour to provide the best support for our students in Year 10 working virtually and our Year 11, 12 and 13 students working on-site. It's our fundamental priority to keep our Waverley Studio College community safe and reduce the risk of infection. Furthermore, once the staff that are self-isolating due to positive tests are fit to return, we will look to invite Year 10 students back on site from **Monday 24th January 2022**.

Warm Regards,

Matthew Morton-Hire

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