

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst it's only been a week since I wrote to you, I thought it was important to let you know the current situation with regard to COVID-19 measures in the Academy. With Wednesday's announcement that the government's will be removing Plan B measures nationally, this affects us at TCA and I want you to be clear about what will change (along with another couple of important points).

### **Face coverings**

As of yesterday (Thursday), they were no longer required to be worn in classrooms. From next Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> January), they will no longer need to be worn in corridors and communal areas. Should students feel more comfortable wearing one, they are very welcome to do so.

### **Self-isolation periods**

A reminder that anyone who tests positive should then do a lateral flow test on day 5 and 6, and can then return to the Academy as long as both are negative. Please also ensure that if your child has a PCR test, they do not attend the Academy until you have had confirmation of the result.

### **Catch-up work**

When students are self-isolating, please ensure that they are accessing work wherever possible. All lesson work is uploaded to Teams, and live lessons are available for all. If you are struggling to connect owing to technology or other reasons, please do get in touch. If your child returns having not completed any work, they will be given every opportunity to catch up with missed work.

### **Second vaccinations – consent forms**

Your child will be coming home today with a consent letter for their second COVID-19 vaccination. Please complete this and return to TCA by Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. If your child has not had their first vaccination yet and you wish for them to receive this, please also fill the consent form in. Vaccinations are being administered and managed by Medicare, and all medical updates will be passed to GPs automatically.



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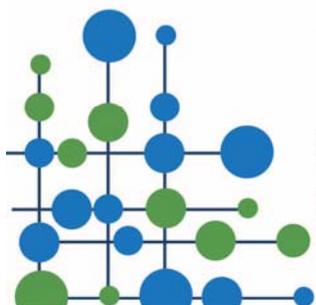
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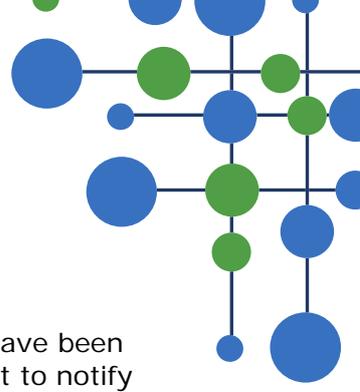


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### **Next week – uniform**

Where an item of a student's uniform has not met our expectations, letters have been issued to them throughout this week. Parents and carers have also had a text to notify them of this. Students' uniform must meet our expectations by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January otherwise a same-day detention will be given. Should you need any help or support with uniform, please do get in touch with us at TCA or visit <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>, an amazing charity who provide free uniform to families in the local area.

### **Extra-curricular opportunities and Breakfast Club**

After a great start to the academic year throughout last term, we have restarted extra-curricular after school activities. Please encourage your child to check the timetable in the Academy and to get involved in one (or more) activities. In addition, please do encourage your child to take advantage of our completely free daily Breakfast Club, which is funded by the Huddersfield Town Foundation.

I wish you a pleasant and restful weekend, and a couple of days of winter sunshine in amongst the January greyness. It's odd to think that in a few weeks' time we'll be at the halfway point in the year – time really does fly!

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Burton  
**Headteacher**