

1 October 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Advice from the Director of Public Health for Somerset

Somerset County Council's Public Health Team (SCCPH) and PHE have concluded there is evidence of established transmission of COVID-19 within Frome College. In order to keep the college community safe, we have been advised to put in place the following measures:

- Increased frequency of LFD testing for staff and students
- Promote social distancing and reduce crowding. This may include reducing the number of children gathering (for example in assemblies) and minimising 'pinch points' in the college day
- Reduce intergroup mixing; separating break times, using staggered entry and seating plans in classrooms or on school transport
- Reduce mixing of staff e.g. by holding meetings remotely
- Pupils, students and staff to wear face coverings in communal areas and/or classrooms
- Limit residential education visits, open days, transition/taster days, parental attendance, live performances, sporting events or similar

SCCPH and PHE will keep these measures under review.

There is no disruption to your child's education, the college remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal.

This means that from Monday 4th October:

- All students will be required to wear face covering in lessons and communal areas
- Students who are exempt from wearing face coverings should collect an exemption card from student services
- All students and staff are asked to complete a LFD every 3-5 days
- Break and lunch times will be in bubbles. Entry and exit times will be staggered. **(Please see timetable attached)**
- Ventilation will continue in classrooms therefore students are able to wear coats indoors
- PE changing rooms remain closed until October half term, when we will review the situation
- Cleaning around site remains enhanced
- Students displaying any symptoms should remain at home and take a PCR test
- Visits to college are limited and all visitors wear face coverings
- Tutor/parents events this term will be virtual



If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements please email FCCCovid19questions@fromecollege.org

Emails will be responded to during the college day.



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