



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: October 2020 update

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your amazing support through what has been such a challenging first half term. Everyone has truly worked together as a community to ensure we stay safe during these difficult times. I am extremely pleased that all students settled back in to college well and it has been a real pleasure to see them become more confident and resilient young people.

We have been made aware of positive Covid-19 cases within the school community over the half term break, but can confirm, after speaking with Public Health England this morning, that no further action is required within school currently.

Last term, students were excellent in observing social distancing around school, wearing face coverings and maintaining their year group bubbles, and we must maintain this high level of expectation going forward. Therefore, we appreciate all support from home in reiterating these key messages, as well as reminders regarding the importance of social distancing outside of school.

Please could I take this opportunity to also remind families of current government advice and guidelines. As you will be aware, the national and local picture, and subsequent government advice can quickly change. Therefore, the information below is based on current guidelines; should changes occur, we will of course communicate these with you. **Please note that it is vital that you keep the school informed, either via email at admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk or telephone 0116 2863722, if your child develops symptoms and/or has a Covid-19 test.**

When to get a test

If your son or daughter has any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste):

- they must not come into school
- contact the school and inform us of their illness
- please [organise a test](#) immediately
- inform the school of the result of the test
- the student must stay at home and not return to school until a negative result is obtained or they have isolated for 10 days.

When to self-isolate

Brockington College students must [self-isolate](#) immediately if:

- [told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)
- anyone in the household has tested positive for Covid-19
- anyone in the household has any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste).

The person with symptoms should book a test immediately.

- If the test is negative, your son/daughter may return to school.
- If the test is positive, all members of the household must spend 14 days in self isolation.



Students showing Covid-19 symptoms in school

Should a student develop symptoms at school, we will place them in an isolated space until they can be collected. To support us with this, it is very important that we have up-to-date contact details for all parents/carers and emergency contacts to enable us to reach you quickly should the need arise.

Hygiene

We must continue to follow good hygiene procedures, as well as our risk mitigation plans in school. It is vital to ensure that we keep our communities safe and avoid having to send home groups of students to self-isolate. The 'Hands. Face. Space' campaign emphasises important elements of the guidance. Please speak to your son/daughter about the continued importance of washing their hands regularly, using a face covering and keeping their distance from others. Sanitising stations remain outside every classroom and students should wash/sanitise their hands before leaving for school, throughout the day including at the start of every lesson, before breaks and lunchtimes and before and after eating. Tissues are provided in every classroom and if a child coughs they will be expected to cough either into the crook of their arm or into a tissue and to use a tissue if they sneeze. Students will then need to bin this: 'catch it, kill it, bin it'.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone
Principal

