



April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: April 2021 update

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your amazing support through what has been such a challenging past year. I am extremely pleased that all students have settled back in to college well. We are still operating in year group bubbles and zones with increased hygiene measures and students have seamlessly fitted back into the routines expected of them. I am very proud of the resilience shown by Brockington College students throughout the past year and, as always, staff are available to students and families to discuss any queries that may arise. As we have now been back in school for six weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following reminders.

Face coverings

Students have generally been excellent at wearing face coverings and we must continue to maintain this high level of expectation during these next few weeks. The DfE have advised:

"It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than May 17th."

We will of course update all parents and carers once this is confirmed. Face coverings are an essential part of your child's school equipment at the present time, and so please ensure that your child brings their face covering to school daily, unless they are exempt. Over the past weeks, we have been issuing an increased number of masks to students who have forgotten or mislaid their face coverings. Please note, a warning will be issued, but sanctions will be set if students are repeatedly without their face covering.

Lateral flow testing

Students are now receiving home test kits every three weeks and we would ask that your child tests themselves twice a week; we would like students to test on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. Please note, we are only receiving enough kits from the NHS based on the number of tests undertaken. Therefore, it is really important that you continue to log your child's negative or void results on both the [school system](#) and the [government website](#) so that we receive the appropriate number of replacement test kits. If your child receives a positive result from a lateral flow test, they must self-isolate and follow up with a confirmatory PCR test.

What should my child do if they feel ill at school?

Brockington College employs a school health and wellbeing coordinator who acts as the main school first aider. Your child should make their teacher aware, who will contact the first aider who will assess whether we need to send your child home; we will contact you immediately, if this is the case. **Please could you remind your child of the course of action to take should they feel unwell in school; students should not contact parents/carers themselves.** If your child is presenting symptoms of Covid-19, then please keep your child at home and follow the government guidelines. If your child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, such as a continuous cough, high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal taste or smell, we will contact you immediately for them to be collected.



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Medical appointments

Please attempt to make any medical appointment outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please ensure that your child attends school before / after the appointment and inform the school of the medical appointment in advance by contacting admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk or 0116 2863722.

Parking

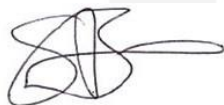
Please continue to follow the government's latest advice concerning travel but remember to park considerately and avoid blocking driveways and entrances of residents who live in close proximity to the school.

Safety and respecting the local community

As you will be aware, from 29 March, outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households is now permitted, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside. The local policing team have asked us to remind students that the rules do also apply to young people and regular patrols are taking place locally. We would always expect Brockington College students to uphold the school values and behaviour expectations in the local community.

Thank you again for your continued support, particularly in these unprecedented circumstances. There is a real feeling of hope across the nation with positive case numbers falling and this is reflected in the school community. However, we must not be complacent and our recent cases have reminded us of that. There are only 10 weeks left of this academic year and I'm sure you will join me in hoping that things will look very different when we start the 2021-2022 year in August.

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone
Principal

