

28th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Contact Tracing During the May Half-Term Break

As lockdown eases, taking a lateral flow COVID-19 test twice a week, even if your child does not have symptoms, will help us all to stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. We therefore encourage students to continue testing and reporting results twice a week, at home, throughout the May half-term holiday and take a lateral flow test before returning to school.

We will also be following the Department for Education advice regarding contact tracing over the May half term. Please therefore follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 during the half-term break.

➤ If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of being in school

You must seek a PCR test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned. Please make the school aware by using the following email address: covidreporting@paxmanacademy.school

If the test result is positive for COVID-19, you must inform us again using the email address stated above. We will then identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this.

If the test result is negative, you should inform the school and you do not need to take any further action.

Please provide the following information when you email us:

- Name
- Symptoms and the date they started
- Date test taken
- Test result

➤ If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school

You must seek a PCR test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned.

From Monday 31st May, if the test result is positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, then you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/.

Please contact the school on the usual student absence line (01206 671155, option 1) on Monday 7th June if any absence is going to occur due to COVID-19.

➤ **If your child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but tests positive using a lateral flow test within 48 hours of being in school**

If your child is asymptomatic and returns a positive lateral flow test result within 48 hours of last being in school, please let the school know straight away by using the following email address: covidreporting@paxmanacademy.school. We will then identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this.

Please provide the following information when you email us:

- Name
- Symptoms and the date they started
- Date test taken
- Test result

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

I would encourage you to adhere to social distancing and all COVID-19 social mixing guidance throughout the half term in order to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.

Thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support. Have a safe break.

Yours sincerely



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