

21 October 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Covid update**

**Home Testing** - Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school.

Please can you continue to test your children twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term and take a test before returning to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 21. All results should be reported via the NHS Test and Trace website and report positive results to school.

Self test kits have been sent home. If you require more kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more online through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus and help minimise disruption to your child's education and to you and your household.

**Covid vaccinations** - Working with NHS England covid vaccinations will be on offer for 12 to 15 year olds in Crosshill School on Friday 3 December 2021. Consent forms will be sent out after half term. Parent Information and FAQs are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

In addition, NHS England will soon be opening an additional offer for 12 to 15 year olds to get their vaccine out of school, through vaccination centres. This offer will run in parallel to the in-school vaccination programme. Parents of children aged 12 to 15 will receive a letter from the NHS with more information on the vaccination programme shortly, including information about how to book an appointment out of school, if this option is preferred.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please contact our covid co-ordinator Paula Thornton or Kay Naylor.

Yours sincerely

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