

2nd November 2021

Dear parent/carer,

On 15th October, I wrote to you giving details of the removal of most of the enhanced protective measures that we had put in place to bring the rate of transmission of COVID-19 in school down.

As mentioned in that communication, as of today, **Tuesday 2nd November**, due to positives cases remaining low / at zero, we have also removed the expectation for staff to wear face coverings in school.

The only remaining enhanced protective measure in school is that class teachers will maintain a consistent seating plan for lessons to avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces e.g tables and chairs by children.

Measures in-line with DfE / Public Health guidance that remain in all schools:

*Hand hygiene measures continue to be to an extremely high standard, with staff physically witnessing children washing / sanitising at those key points throughout the day.

*Ventilation - doors and windows, external where possible to remain open.

*Cleaning procedures continue to be to an extremely high standard, with enhanced cleaning measures in place.

*Testing – staff continue to take part in the twice weekly LFD testing. Parents/carers are encouraged to take part in this also.

*Natural separation points within the school day – there are some key times within the school day, where younger pupils take breaks and access areas of school at a different time to older pupils, this has been the case for many years at Aston Hall. KS1 have a separate morning breaktime, eat in the hall together as a key stage and finish the school day 10 minutes earlier than KS2. These normal school routines will continue and help to support our revised approach.

As you can see, staff within school remain committed to doing all we can to keep our school community safe, whilst still offering that irreplaceable learning opportunity in the children's classroom with their friends taking part in a range of wonderful experiences and activities.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and as always, any questions please ask.

Many thanks,



Mr Holmes
Headteacher