

Thursday 14th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Update on 'Living with Covid' guidance for schools**

As you will be aware, the national guidance in England has changed since the 1st April. This affects the actions we will ask you to take if your child displays symptoms of Covid-19.

As of 1st April:

- If your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection (things which affect their chest, nose and throat), including Covid-19, and a high temperature or they feel unwell, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Free Covid tests are not available. If you still have some tests from the Academy you may want to use these up, but we will not be asking you to test your child to inform your decision on whether your child attends the Academy, nor will we be able to provide more tests..
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

The government's 'Living with Covid' plan relies heavily on the majority of the population being vaccinated, and taking a responsible approach to assessing their and their family's health when deciding on the best course of action. It is a balancing act between protecting our communities and preventing further lost learning time for our young people. If you are unsure, please contact your child's Head of Year. Both the government and the Academy are committed to improving student attendance as we come out of the pandemic. Nationally attendance figures remain lower than pre pandemic and we all know that every day missed is lost learning. Whilst our current Academy attendance rate is significantly higher than the national average, we want it to be back up to where it was in 2019. And at Chelsea Academy we always want to be better than any national averages!

I wish you all a Happy Easter and for those in our community observing Ramdan - Ramadan Mubarak.

Yours faithfully



Mariella Ardron  
Principal

## **Useful Summer term dates for your diaries**

19th April – All students return

28th April – LCCD evening appointments

29th April – LCCD day appointments

2nd May – Bank holiday. Academy closed

16th May – GCSE and A level exam window opens

30th May to 5th June – Half term