

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

With the increase of COVID cases due to the emergence of the Omicron variant and in line with Government guidance Bath College have introduced the following mitigations and safety measures from the start of the new term. These measures will continually be under review, and we will update you with any changes. This letter and further information will be found on our website. Keep an eye out on [bathcollege.ac.uk/covid](http://bathcollege.ac.uk/covid) for further announcements

**Testing prior to return:** All students and staff have been asked to do an LFD test at home prior to coming into College on the first day of attendance. It is recommended that this occurs in the morning prior to return. The College will not be providing general testing facilities outside of the small facility for those who cannot test themselves in our high needs provisions. Twice weekly testing is recommended thereafter. Students can pick up testing kits from the Student Advice Centres on each campus.

From 11.01.2022, Government guidelines will change around testing. If your young person has a positive lateral flow result, they no longer have to confirm this with a CPR test. They should self-isolate using the guidance on self-isolation below.

- 2. Face coverings - students:** Students will be required to wear face coverings in lessons as well as when moving around campus and in common areas, unless they are exempt. Please help us to enforce this inside and outside lessons.
- 3. Self-isolation:** The rules for self-isolation have changed. An individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 can now self-isolate for **7 days** provided they receive a negative LFD test on days **6 and 7** (if they are still positive, the individual should isolate for up to 10 days). Please encourage your young person to report any positive test result to our covid inbox at [covid@bathcollege.ac.uk](mailto:covid@bathcollege.ac.uk).
- 4. Teaching:** This will continue face to face in line with student timetables. Please note that many schools and colleges will face some disruption to planned teaching as cases of Omicron in particular, continue to rise. We will try and keep you up to date with any changes, though we ask for your patience during what are very unpredictable times. The progress and wellbeing of your young person is always at the forefront of our approach, and we will make changes with this in mind.

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5. **Classrooms:** These have clear guidance displayed on how to mitigate risks of COVID-19 – as parents/carers you can help with this by encouraging your young person to bring in face coverings to wear at College or seek an exemption badge/lanyard if they are unable to. ;
6. **Ventilation:** To ensure good levels of ventilation in the building all windows will be kept opened early each morning and where possible kept open during the day. We have CO2 detectors in rooms where ventilation is less effective.

Other COVID-19 mitigations will remain in place e.g., regular hand washing, hand sanitising, avoiding large crowds etc.

## VACCINATION

All eligible staff and students are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Vaccines are the best defence against COVID-19 to help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on. To book a vaccination, please visit: Book or manage a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination – NHS [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR FEELING UNWELL

If your young person is feeling unwell and/or display any symptoms of COVID-19, please encourage them not to attend College. Instead ensure that they contact the College or their tutor to report the reason for any absence if appropriate.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

It is very important to take care of your mental health and wellbeing and Bath College is committed to promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults and to ensure that action is taken to support our students. Our welfare facilities remain open, and this web link will take you to the support offerings that we have in place

<https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/safeguarding-and-student-wellbeing>

Stay Safe,

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