

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Covid update for Leytonstone School

Dear families,

I am sharing the information below from Public Health England in order for you to be informed about the current context within Waltham Forest and also so that you take appropriate action to help reduce the spread of the virus.

- Rates of C19 (delta variant) infections in WF are about six times higher than they were a month ago.
- These rates are expected to rise significantly by the time we break up for the summer.
- Young people are the group with the highest infections.
- Pupil testing rates are currently very low.

Actions for the Leytonstone School community

- **Any pupil with the three recognised covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell, persistent new cough) OR headache, diarrhoea, runny nose or sore throat must not attend school until they have taken a PCR which returns a negative result.**
- **Pupils who develop any of these symptoms whilst in school will be sent home with a PCR test.**
- Face coverings will now need to be worn by all staff and pupils in all buildings unless exempt.
- End of term leavers events must be risk assessed; now including LFT testing and use of face coverings – even if taking place outside.
- Please remind your child to adhere to safety guidance when on public transport. They must wear face coverings unless exempt.
- Please ensure that you regularly test your child using the LFTs provided by the school.

Yours faithfully,

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