



**The South Wolds  
Academy  
and Sixth Form**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been welcoming all of our school community back in over the last few days and I wanted to share with you how pleased all of the staff here at South Wolds are to see students back in the classroom. It has been a successful return for all and I am delighted to see students showing such care and respect for each other and also for the new guidelines we have in place to help mitigate risk. For example, all students are sanitising their hands regularly throughout the day and teaching areas are also being sanitised regularly. The staggered break and lunch times are working well to separate year groups and ensure minimal mixing across these cohorts.

Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace have written a joint letter to all schools and asked for the following message to be relayed to parents and carers with regard to testing:

*To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:*

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
  - a high temperature
  - a new, continuous cough
  - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

*If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.*

Shortly before the full opening of schools, the government released further updated guidance on the use of face coverings, with specific directions for schools to implement these should a local lockdown be triggered. At South Wolds we are clear in following the most up to date government guidance and face coverings must be worn if students are using public transport. We have also agreed that students may, if they choose to do so, wear a face covering as they move around the school site but under current guidelines this is not mandatory. If the guidance changes then I will

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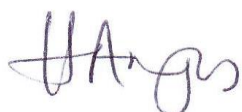
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write to you again to update these guidelines if necessary. So for now, please can you ensure that any face covering does not bear any slogans or logos please. I would be grateful if you could impress on your child [how to wear a face covering safely](#), especially how to remove one and store it correctly.

Your child's Head of Year will be happy to discuss this with you further should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Angus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'A'.

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