



# St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Re: Local COVID-19 infection control decision framework for schools from autumn 2021**

Thank you for your continued support with Covid 19 to keep staff, students and our communities as safe as possible.

Yesterday evening, I was notified by Newport local authority that the Gwent Incident Management Team (IMT) has taken the decision to move all schools in the region to the 'very high' level of risk outlined in [the framework for schools](#). This move will be implemented from the first day back after half term.

The IMT's decision was based on the criteria in the Welsh Government Infection Control Framework. The main factors determining this level of risk for the region were the high community incidence rates, the subsequent pressure on the Test, Trace and Protect Service locally, the impact upon Education, and the pressure in the Health and Social Care system.

At St Joseph's we have been working at a 'high' level since September and this is reflected through our risk assessment. **However, please note that the 'very high' level will now require all secondary schools in Gwent to reintroduce the mandatory wearing of face coverings by all students and staff who are not exempt, in all indoor areas including classrooms.**

The twice weekly LFD testing that is available is strongly encouraged for staff and students to help identify and isolate asymptomatic cases as soon as possible. **Please can students continue to test twice a week over half term and preferably take a LFD test Sunday 31st October. If your child receives a positive Lateral Flow Test result, you are to book a PCR Test. If your child receives a positive PCR test, please keep them at home and notify the school accordingly.**

Students and staff really deserve the forthcoming break and I hope they use this time to relax, have some quality family time and recharge their energy levels.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

Headteacher

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