

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear students and families

I'm writing today to set out how we are again adapting our measures to contain the Coronavirus infection. We can see its affect reducing at the moment and we know that many of the measures ordered by the Government have now been stopped. We have done very well in keeping infection levels low at our Colleges and you have been a very big part of that work and I thank you again for your great help.

Right now, we are still seeing a number of cases and we still have vulnerable students and staff among us. We will continue with some of our measures for a while longer and I will write again when we change things.

We have already removed our expectation that everyone wears a face covering at all times, but you may continue to wear one if you choose. Your teacher may ask you if you would wear a face-covering in class and we hope you'll consider any such request carefully; face-coverings really do make a difference.

However, we would like to ask you to continue with all of the other measures that we have in place, so please:

- Stay at home and take a test if you have Covid symptoms; make sure you let us know, too
- Test yourself regularly; you can pick up packs of tests at the College entrances
- Take up the offer of a vaccination or booster if you are eligible

If you have symptoms or a positive test result, please let us know. We will ask you not to attend College, but will make sure you have the work you need and can do it at home.

As ever, we are all together in these challenging times and you have supported us very well in making sure our Colleges are safe. At South Thames Colleges Group, we remain alongside you and committed to your success.

With thanks and best wishes,



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