

GENERAL NEWS



Living with Covid-19

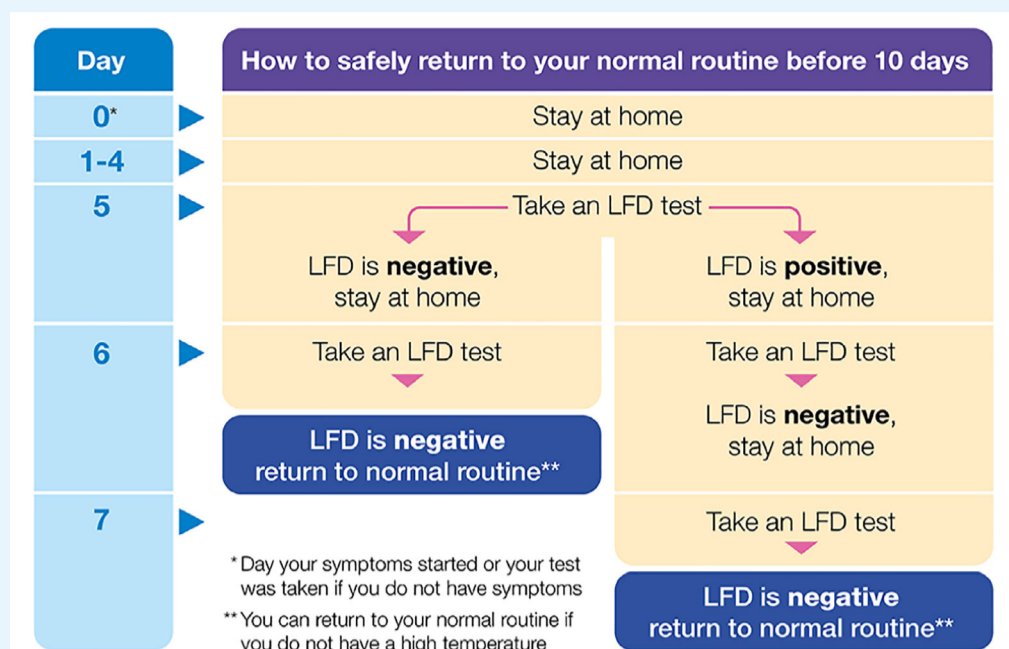
The UK government's transition to 'Living with Covid-19' is now in place and revised [guidance for schools](#) has been issued. While legal requirements for measures such as face coverings and self-isolation have been removed, our view is that a gradual transition to the new guidance would be helpful. As a school we need to keep students learning and teachers teaching so doing what we can to reduce the risk of transmission seems a sensible strategy to adopt.

The key elements of the new guidance are as follows:

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). Students should not come to school. They should stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they wait for the test result. If the PCR test is positive they should follow this guidance:



IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 3rd March
Year 10 Student Parent Teacher evening
- Saturday 5th March
Non-Uniform Day
(further details below)
- Tuesday 8th March
Year 12 Student Parent Teacher evening
- Tuesday 15th March
Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening
(further details below)

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If the day 5 LFD test result is positive, they should continue taking LFD tests until they receive 2 consecutive negative test results. Please note that we will no longer be receiving LFD test kits to issue to students. If you require a test kit you can obtain them from a pharmacy or at this [UK government site](#). If you still have test kits, we ask that you continue with regular testing for as long as your supply lasts. We will also continue to encourage the wearing of face coverings in indoor spaces, making hand sanitiser available and maintaining ventilation in enclosed spaces.

Thank you for your support as we move into this new phase of the pandemic. If we all support this approach, we will all help to keep each other safe, healthy and in College.

David Woods
Principal

HOCKERILL NEWS

Campus Security and Safeguarding

If you have visited the campus this year you will have noticed that we have erected some additional security fencing and gates along the public footpath that runs through the campus. We need to keep students and the public separated if we are to properly safeguard our community. The additional security measures will help us do that as they clearly show where footpath users can and cannot go. The new gates have the facility to be keypad controlled and this weekend we will be activating them for the first time. This means that new codes will operate from Monday for all the gates including Manor Road and Stansted Road. Those that need to know the codes will be informed of them so there should be no disruption to College operations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Gregg Pettit our Estates Manager at pettittg@hockerill.com who will be happy to help you.

Dropping off and picking up students

Please be reminded that the College car park is for staff and agreed visitors only. Dropping off and collecting your child in the car park can cause considerable congestion in Dunmow Road.

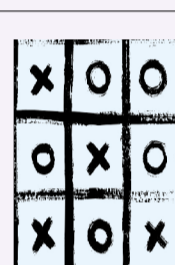
We strongly encourage students to use a sustainable method of travel and walk or cycle to College wherever possible. If you do choose to park in the surrounding residential streets, please do so considerately. Some areas close to the College are designated for residents only.

Day students should not be dropped at College any earlier than 0830hrs and should leave the premises by 1600hrs if they are not attending a club at the end of the school day.

Tickets on sale!

Tickets for Noughts and Crosses are now on sale, £5.00 for adults, £3.50 for concessions (incl. students, children, seniors). Tickets can be purchased in cash from Reception at break/lunchtime or alternatively online via WisePay. We recommend that audience members are 10+ in age due to some adult themes, but this is at parents' discretion.

The students are working incredibly hard to prepare the show for you, so we hope you will come and support them on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March at 7pm in St Albans Hall.



Senior Netball Club

Following a recent game against Herts and Essex High School, the team would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Geissler for her help and enthusiasm!



Non-uniform day - Saturday 5th March

On Saturday 5th March we will have a non-uniform day in support of Beat, a charity which supports those affected by eating disorders. All students who wear casual clothes must bring at least £1 in cash or alternatively payment can be made via WisePay - all donations will go to Beat.

Students are also invited to wear purple accessories on 5th March in support of Beat.

You can read more about the charity here: <https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>



BOARDING NEWS

Boarders Annual Easter Celebration

Further to the letter that was sent to all Boarding parents via In Touch on Friday 11th February, this is a reminder to those parents of Weekly & Flexi Boarders who have not yet completed the form to please use the [link here](#) for the Easter Celebration event. The closing date has been extended until 9.00am on Monday 28th February.

YEAR 7

BMX Racing Club

I would like to inform you of the relaunch of the Hockerill BMX Racing Club at the track in Braintree with ex-national champion coach Jools Allen. I would like to resume the club on Wednesday, 27th April with fourteen Year 7 students. Priority has been given to students who applied in September 2021 but missed out on a space. This leaves limited spaces to any other Year 7 who did not ride in the autumn. If these spaces are not all filled, then previous riders will be invited back. The club will initially run for seven weeks and may end (COVID-dependent) with a trip to Lea Valley Velodrome, where we would enjoy track, mountain bike and BMX sessions. Please find further [details here](#).

Mr A Russell



YEAR 9

Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening

The Online Consultation meetings for Year 9 will take place on Tuesday 15th March 2022 between 1700hrs and 1930hrs. The consultations will take the form of short video conference meetings via our online Parent Consultation platform "SchoolCloud Parents Evening System". This consultation evening is open to all students in Year 9. Please find further [details here](#).

YEAR 10

End of Year Exam Information

Please find information for the [Year 10 end of year exams here](#). If you have any questions, please email year10@hockerill.com where your query will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

YEAR 11

Year 11 Exams information and NEA Dates

Year 11 students have now been sent, via email, their individual exam schedule for 2022. Advance information has also been published by the exam boards on 7th February 2022. The advance information is different for each subject / board and students will be informed of this information by their subject teachers. If any student is unsure then I would encourage them to ask their subject teacher for more information. [Link to information regarding non-examination assessments](#)

Study leave

Study Leave for Year 11 will begin on Friday 13th May after the students have had a celebratory assembly in their Form groups.

Hooded Sweatshirts and Yearbooks

Information regarding the ordering process will be sent via letter next week.

YEAR 13

IB examinations

Please find a [letter here](#) from the IB to Year 13 students and their families regarding the upcoming examinations in May.

Study Leave

Study Leave for Year 13 will begin on Monday 25th April. Their last lessons will be on the morning of Saturday 23rd April which will be followed by a Graduation ceremony to celebrate the students reaching the end of their studies. This will begin at lunchtime and parents will be invited. Further details will be given in due course.

HOCKERILL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Volunteers for the '250 Club' needed

At the end of this academic year, we'll be bidding goodbye to our two fantastic '250 Club' volunteers, Clodagh and Lindsay, and we are looking for new parents to take on their roles.

The '250 Club' is Hockerill's very own lottery and all the money raised goes straight back into school projects for the benefit of your children. You do not need any special qualifications to volunteer and we will guide you through the process, with plenty of ongoing support.

Lindsay says;

"Clodagh and I have really enjoyed our time managing The 250 Club. We've met lots of other parents and had the opportunity to get involved in new parents' mornings and school events. Ideally, it's best suited to two friends, who live locally and like meeting monthly for coffee or wine and a catch up!"

For more information, please email hpf@hockerill.com. Thank you in advance for your support.



BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

The UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years will open at Hockerill Anglo European College this Easter and summer! 80+ exciting activities including fencing, archery, football, dance and much more! All Barracudas camps are Ofsted registered and have high staff to child ratios, plus parents of Hockerill Anglo European College receive an **extra £10 off per week** if they **quote code HSCH22** at the time of booking.

Open Easter 4th – 14th April

Open summer 25th July – 26th August

Book now at www.barracudas.co.uk or call **01480 467 567**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 10 Student Parent Teacher evening	Thursday 3rd March
Year 12 Student Parent Teacher evening	Tuesday 8th March
Noughts and Crosses Drama Performance	Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March
Year 9 Student Parent Teacher evening	Tuesday 15th March
Year 9 Options morning	Saturday 19th March
Spring Concert	Monday 28th March