



Friday 11 June 2021

Dear parents and carers

## **Weekly letter.**

### **The importance of lateral flow tests.**

This week we unfortunately had to send home a group of students mainly in Year 8 as a result of a positive result on a lateral flow test. I am grateful to the parents and students that consistently complete these tests, follow the hygiene expectations and wear masks. Had the lateral flow test not been taken the child with no symptoms who tested positive would have been in school increasing the risk of further transmission to many others.

This is a reminder that we are not yet at the point where COVID-19 is behind us and despite the vaccination programme for adults, we need to remain vigilant and collectively be proactive in reducing infection and transmission.

Please remember to complete and report the outcome of home testing on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Where self-isolation is necessary as a result of either a positive test or being identified as a close contact it is important that the requirements of self-isolation are followed. You can be fined for breaking these requirements. Fines are at least £1,000.

### **Face coverings.**

There has been no change in the expectation I wrote to you about last week. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child wears a mask each day. Please ensure they bring a clean one each day.

### **End of summer term: last day at school (Tuesday 20 July).**

Some time ago we had to move the end of term by one day because of the change to the start of the spring term due to the extra training day we had to insert for the mass testing programme we expected to introduce in January. Since then it has become clear that do not need to add an extra day to the school year. Therefore, the last day of the school year for students will be 12.35 pm on **Tuesday 20 July**.

### **End of year examinations and assessments.**

Please support your child in preparing for and coming to school on time for the examinations or assessments. Attendance has been remarkable in Year 10 this week showing a great example as the oldest year group in school now, of the importance of getting into the habit of exam readiness and seeking to do their best.

Year 9 completed an RS exam in the sports hall today and their attitude was impressive. In just a year from now they should sit their early entry GCSE. Their attitude today bodes well going forward.

Thank you for your ongoing support as always. Working together and collaboratively we will achieve the very best for each and every child.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

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