

28 June 2021

Dear Parents

Covid

I am delighted that since the return to school in March we have not had any cases of Covid-19 which have forced us to ask additional students to self-isolate. When speaking to other Headteachers we seem to be an exception in the low number of reported positives, especially as cases nationally have increased recently. However, in the last week we have been made aware of a number of positive results amongst staff and students and close contacts have been informed.

Unfortunately, nothing has changed in the guidance with regard for the need to ask students and staff to self-isolate if they come into contact with a positive case. The self-isolation period remains 10 days from when a child was last in contact with the individual who tested positive. No other members of the household need to isolate unless anyone within the house develops symptoms. Additionally, even if students test negative on the LFD tests or undertake a PCR test, the period of self-isolation cannot be shortened.

If we have to ask students to isolate we shall send a message via Edulink in the first instance for the child to be collected, if you are happy for the child to make their own way home please indicate this on the form that is at the bottom of the Edulink alert, they should not use school buses for the journey home.

Sports Day

We intend to hold the school sports day on Tuesday 13 July and would like to extend an invitation to parents of Year 7 and 8 students to watch the activities. Viewing is restricted to an area of the field at the top end of the site and no seating is available, hopefully the weather will be good enough to allow viewers to sit on the grass. I am afraid there is no parking available on the school site and please be considerate towards our residential neighbours if you are parking nearby. The event starts at 1.25pm, please do not come on to the site before 1.05pm. The event requires the assistance of the weather and therefore if we have to cancel the event on the day, we shall send out an Edulink alert.

Academic Tracking

Advance notice that the final academic tracking event of the year will take place on the evening of Thursday 22 July and the morning of Friday 23 July. The event will take place online via school cloud. Thursday 22 July will be a normal school day, and this will be the last day of term for students. On Friday 23 July the school will be closed for normal lessons however, students should be in attendance at any academic tracking online discussions held on this day. We shall be sending a message in the next couple of weeks to open up the booking schedule for this event.

Best wishes



David Collins