



Friday, 23 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of you for your support during this first half term. Your diligence and determination has helped to keep everyone in our school community safe. I am so proud of how our students have settled back into school life, after such a long time away, throughout the national lockdown. It has been really impressive to see how well everyone has adapted to the changes in the school routine.

As you will be aware by now, this week we have had three members of our school community test positive for COVID-19. We have followed all Public Health England guidance to ensure that all students and staff remain safe. Our COVID procedures continue to go above and beyond government recommendations and I believe this has assisted in keeping our infection levels low across the school. Students continue to follow the new routines, using hand sanitiser when they enter and leave all areas around the school, wearing masks in all communal areas during the day, helping to ensure everyone remains safe.

Should any student need to self-isolate, we will now be delivering remote learning via Microsoft Teams. All of our students have had sessions in school on how to logon and use Microsoft Teams. A user guide is also available on our website. Please encourage and support your child wherever possible, by finding an appropriate place for them to work, suggesting they communicate with their teacher should they require help, checking that set work is being completed and submitted by the end of each day and finally ensuring that they follow their own school timetable wherever possible.

Attendance this half term, in spite of all the challenges students have faced, has been extremely positive. A significant number of students have achieved a 100% attendance record. I would like to say well done to all of those students. Whilst I appreciate students may have to self-isolate from time to time, please support us in ensuring your child attends school whenever possible. Should any further cases arise in school, we will determine which students are affected and notify parents individually, confirming what action needs to be taken based wholly on Public Health England guidance. If we have not made direct contact with you, you should assume that your child should continue to attend school.



It has been a busy and long half term and students have been working extremely hard. It is a pleasure to see their outstanding attitude to learning shine through in the lessons I visit. I hope you all manage to get a well-deserved break over the half term week, with students returning to school refreshed and ready to continue their hard working into next term. Year 11's have their mock exams when we return and I know that they have been working hard towards these, planning their revision, ensuring they feel fully prepared for their exams.

Thank you once again for your continued support and should you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school

Best wishes

Mr J Smith