

June 11th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid matters

It is very evident that there is a good deal of concern particularly regarding the Delta variant of Covid in this part of Lancashire. All our Covid precautions remain in place, students and staff are still expected to wear face coverings unless exempt and year groups are kept separate even when we are using the field at lunchtimes. We have been relatively fortunate so far with low single figure cases in the last couple of months and hope this remains the case. Yesterday was the first time we have had to send a group of students from Year 7 home to self isolate and this reminds us of the need for continuing vigilance.

Please continue to test your children at home twice a week and do not send them into school if they are showing any symptoms or if the lateral flow test shows positive. In both these cases a PCR test should be taken and the student only return to school if this is negative. If a student is identified as a close contact of a positive case then the expectation to self isolate for 10 days remains – even if lateral flow tests are negative.

It is unlikely in the current situation that we will have any events in the remaining weeks of school that allow for different years to come together or gatherings of parents/carers in school.

Pastoral Leaders

I would like to give you advance notice that there will be some changes to the Heads of Year for next academic year following the promotion of Mr Penney and Miss Coulthard to the leadership team. These changes will take effect from June 21st so that we have a proper handover period before the summer:

Mr Penney will be Assistant Head for Key Stage 3 and responsible for the new Year 7

Mrs O'Donnell will take responsibility for the current Year 7 into Year 8

Mrs Beesley will take responsibility for the current Year 8 into Year 9

Miss Clancy will remain responsible for the current Year 9 as they move in to Year 10

Miss Coulthard will be Assistant Head for Key stage 4 and take responsibility for current Year 10 as they move into their final year.

I would like to thank Mr Long for the work he has done with Year 8 so far this year.

Year 10

A reminder that Year 10 exams begin on June 21st and all Year 10 should be revising hard for these assessments. The following week should see Year 10 involved in their Next Steps Week but this may have to be modified because of the Covid situation – one of the Colleges has already cancelled the taster day our students were due to attend.

School Holiday patterns 2022-23 and 2023-24

The school holiday patterns for the 2 years from September 2022 will be on the website by early next week having been approved by governors this week.

Duke of Edinburgh

Today and tomorrow our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students will be out for their expedition. Unfortunately they are not able to camp out overnight but they will do the full expedition and cook a meal on camp stoves before going home on Friday evening. It is good to see such activities happening again despite all the current restrictions.

With best wishes



Mr A Waller
Headteacher