

29th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update 39

Home Testing

In the course of the week we shall be distributing more boxes of lateral flow tests; your son or daughter should be bringing home sufficient kits to enable testing to continue twice weekly during the Easter holiday. Please continue to report results to us via the Arbor Parent App as well as notifying Test and Trace.

Cases among our Students

Since I last wrote two more members of the school have tested positive for COVID 19. In both cases the student developed symptoms at home and went for a test in a local centre. One of these students was in Year 13 and the other case, which involved over 40 requirements to self-isolate, was in Year 10. I shall be very relieved if we reach the end of term without having to ask any of our GCSE or A level candidates to disrupt their preparation by self-isolating.

Opening of School Field at Lunchtime

With the prospect of some warmer weather in the coming week, we are going to open the school field at lunchtime. Only two year groups will be on it at a time and as it is very large open space it should be possible for them to use it safely. If it is not, we shall have to close it again.

School Uniform

The over-riding need to make public health a priority is why we have at times relaxed aspects of our expectations of school uniform since the lockdown ended. With so many classroom windows open to improve ventilation it would not have been reasonable to do otherwise. But as the weather improves we shall be expecting a smarter appearance among our students. We shall, in particular, be less tolerant of unsuitable coats and hoodies and inappropriate footwear.

I wish you and your family an Easter break that is safe and enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,



Natalie Waters