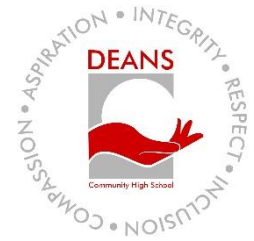


Parent Update

26 February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return of Senior Phase Students

Some senior phase students attended school from Monday of this week to work on practical aspects of their courses. So far this has gone well and my thanks go to our students who attended for adhering so well to the 2 m distance rule and wearing face coverings. Having everyone within the building following the safety guidance goes a long way towards easing anxieties at this time.

To date we have had over 100 staff participate in Covid home testing this week and many of our returning senior students have also taken part. My thanks go to all of them for doing this and playing such an important part in suppressing the virus.

Tuesday's announcement by Scottish Government of their current plans for the return of students has given us some hope of being able to see more of our young people face-to-face. As yet I have no further information other than what was released on Tuesday but we have been considering potential scenarios and how we can safely resume in school learning and teaching within potential given restrictions.

Parents' Evening Survey

As I mentioned last week, a survey is now in place to gather the views of parents/carers and teachers on their experience of the virtual parents' evenings. Should you wish to access this, you can do so following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKcCaRwS7xGxBneKkd9aaxTBUMkxDSjRERUgwWDZYRENYUkJLVUZXQzNNRy4u>

Children's Parliament

For a number of months now, three of our S1 students have been involved in the Children's Parliament for the Climate Change assembly.

They have been attending a weekly call with the other children investigators and different members of the Children's Parliament since mid-January and have showed outstanding dedication to the project. They have worked independently at home on making videos and answering surveys and have liaised with Miss Accarier and Katie Reid, the project manager for the Parliament with the perfect mix of enthusiasm and responsibility. They really have a lot to be proud of!

Two weeks ago they organised a check in activity and a game for the other children on the weekly call and have been asked to do the voice over again for the next film. Their recent film can be seen via the link below:

<https://t.co/CNicYfLjdi?amp=1>

Parent Council

The Parent Council are continuing to meet monthly at the moment. This month's meeting was held on Tuesday and much of the discussion was around the student engagement, virtual parents' evenings, LFD testing, the careers service and the return of senior phase students. All Parent Council minutes are added to the school website within the 'Parent/Carer Zone' following their approval at the next meeting. My thanks go to all of the Parent Council members for their invaluable continued support of yourselves, our students and the school staff.

I hope that you and your families have a good weekend and remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.