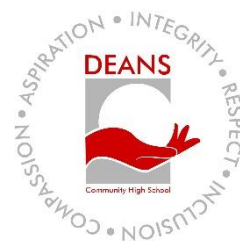


# Parent Update

14 May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This week's confirmation that we will be moving to level 2 from Monday was a very welcome one for all of us, with some normality returning to our home lives. In terms of the changes within the school, this will likely only affect activities within PE and Music and I am hoping to receive confirmation of what the changes will be later today.

At the moment students are still to remain within the school grounds at lunchtime and face coverings are still to be worn within the school building, including in classrooms. I realise that there has been some confusion around this as the guidance in England is slightly different, however I will inform you straight away should this change for us. In the meantime, your help in encouraging your child to wear a face covering and remain in school at lunchtime is greatly appreciated.

Scottish Government have asked us to forward the following message to all parents/carers:

## **Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme Survey**

### **Surveys for Secondary School Pupils and Parents/Guardians of Secondary Pupils**

The Scottish Government would like your help to improve the schools asymptomatic testing programme.

#### **What is the Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme?**

Some people may have COVID-19 but not have any symptoms. The testing programme aims to help secondary school pupils and staff in schools and childcare settings to find out if they have the virus, so that they and their close contacts can self-isolate. This should help reduce the extent to which the COVID-19 is likely to be passed on in school/childcare communities, reducing the likelihood of outbreaks.

#### **Why are we being asked to complete a survey?**

The Scottish Government would like to learn how to improve the testing experience for school communities. In order to do this, we are asking secondary school pupils and the parents/guardians of secondary pupils a few questions about their experience of and views on the testing programme. The surveys should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Pupils aged 15 and under will be prompted to discuss their participation in the survey with a parent or guardian.

Please watch this **short video from Professor Jason Leitch** encouraging people to participate: <https://youtu.be/nMletsFhOBU>.

#### **Do we have to fill out the surveys?**

Your participation in the surveys is voluntary. You may choose not to participate. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time. All replies are anonymous. We will only use the information you provide to help improve the testing programme and the support we give to those involved. Thank you for your help.

#### **Is anyone else being asked to do a survey?**

Yes, we will be asking school staff and others involved in managing the testing programme for their views too.

### **Links to the surveys**

Here are the links to the surveys:

- [Survey for secondary school pupils](#) (click on the underlined text/hyperlink)
- [Survey for parents/guardians of secondary school pupils](#) (click on the underlined text/hyperlink)

If you have any questions about these surveys, please feel free to get in touch with [clare.magill@gov.scot](mailto:clare.magill@gov.scot).

### **S3 Parents' Evening**

Parents/carers of S3 students should now have received information on booking appointments for virtual parents' evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not received this or are having difficulty making appointments, please contact the school office for assistance.

### **Wellbeing**

Many thanks to those of you who were able to complete the recent wellbeing survey. We are now in the process of collating this information and using it, alongside other data gathered, to make decisions on how best to focus our recovery work next session. Students will shortly be receiving an invitation to complete a similar survey.

### **Holiday/INSET Dates**

Just a reminder that **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** is a school holiday whilst **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** are in-service days and the school will be closed on these days.

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.***