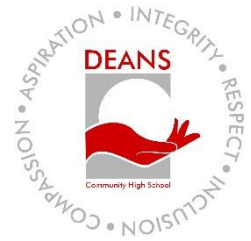


# Parent Update

4 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

## **P7 – S1 Transition**

We have been delighted that the easing of some restrictions have allowed us to begin welcoming P7 students into the school building this week. As always, we have begun with short visits for students who benefit from enhanced transition, giving them an opportunity to have a tour of the building and meet some of the support team. The main visits for all of our new students will take place between Monday 14th June and Thursday 17th June, with each student having a day at Deans. Although the Covid restrictions prevent us from placing students in their S1 classes on these days, we hope that the activities we have planned will give them a sense of what to expect when they start in August.

## **Change of Timetable**

Students will move onto their new timetables from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## **LFD Testing**

It was very welcome news that West Lothian moves into level 1 from 5<sup>th</sup> June, giving us all some hope for normality in the near future. Scottish Government are still encouraging secondary staff and students to do twice weekly testing for Covid at home using the LFD testing kits. From my own perspective, I get a lot of reassurance from using these, particularly as I start to visit friends and family again. We still have plenty of the kits here at the school for students to take home to use and these can be collected from the school reception during Tutor periods each day. If your child has not yet used these and would like to do so, the consent form (which only has to be completed once) can be completed online using the link below or using a paper copy from the school reception or printed from this newsletter.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKcCaRwS7xGxBneKkd9aaxTBUQUtaUDlwVVBPTVNCUTA0QTI1VDVSRlhVUy4u>

## **SQA Appeals**

I issued links to the SQA appeals information yesterday. These are given again below and, should you have any queries around this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bleach.

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html>

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2021-what-you-need-to-know.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2021-what-you-need-to-know.pdf)

## **S6 Leavers**

S6 pupils are preparing to leave us and, although the Covid restrictions prevent us from celebrating their time at Deans in the way we would like and indeed that they deserve, we have organised a few events to mark this occasion. Their last day of school is the 11th of June and S6 will have dedicated time to be with each other, take photographs and say goodbye to staff. Our Graduation ceremony, organised by Mr Christie in the music department alongside the School Captain and Vice-Captain, will take place on the 17th of June from 6pm until 7.30pm. We hope that this will be a lovely way for the S6 to end their time here at Deans, and say one final goodbye. Pupils need to let the School Captain know if they are attending if they have not already done so. As we are not able to invite parents / carers to attend this year we will record the graduation and send a link out to enable you to view it.

As always, many thanks for your continued support and I hope that you and your family 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.***