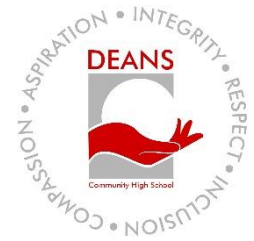


# Parent Update

25 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

To say this has been a challenging year for everyone would be an almost ridiculous understatement. The school session began so differently from our usual August start and the changes just kept coming for the rest of the academic year. That said, our students have displayed an incredible level of resilience in adapting to alternative ways of learning and I couldn't be more proud of them for this.

The staff across all areas of the school have likewise adapted to the shifting circumstances and stepped up when asked to support our students in these changes and my sincere thanks go to each and every one of them for this.

I would also like to acknowledge the level of support provided by the Parent Council. The monthly meetings and background work in between have been invaluable in ensuring that parents have a voice in what takes place within the school. They support and challenge the school in the very best way as we strive to improve the experiences of our students and I thank them all for doing this so well and in such a collaborative way.

My final thanks go to all of you. Coping with changes to your own working lives and personal circumstances whilst supporting your children in the difficulties of home learning, periods of self-isolation and multiple changes to the qualification model has been unbelievably challenging. Despite these issues you have faced, we have received an overwhelming level of support from you and this has likewise made supporting your children so much more achievable.

## **Children's Parliament**

One final update I have to pass on to you is regarding the outstanding work done by three of our S1 students, Ayesha, Nadia and Tyler, who have been working with the Children's Parliament on Scotland's Climate Assembly this year. They have collaborated with other students from across Scotland in investigating the views of young people on climate change. Yesterday they represented the Children's Parliament as the report on the findings of their work was published and presented to the Scottish Parliament.

They had an opportunity to meet with all of the Scottish Party Leaders at the Parliament building in Edinburgh and were each presented with a copy of the extensive report. We are very proud of how well they have represented not only Deans but their fellow students across Scotland in this critical subject. The full report can be viewed at [www.climateassembly.scot](http://www.climateassembly.scot)

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful summer 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.***