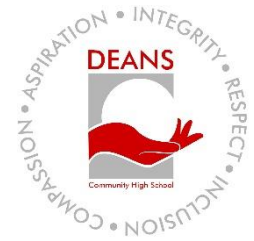


Parent Update

20 August 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

We have been delighted to welcome all of our students back after the summer holiday. We would like to give a particular welcome to our new S1 students. Despite having had such a shortened transition process, they are settling in really well and quickly becoming part of the Deans community.

PE

The most recent government guidance allows us to now offer a full PE curriculum, including swimming. We took the opportunity during the time that it was unable to be used to complete some refurbishments in the pool and changing areas and they've been completed just in time to resume swimming for PE classes. Students will be informed by their PE teachers of when they have swimming and any new procedures that are in place around hygiene etc.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Another positive step forward is that we are now able to offer extra-curricular clubs once again, both during lunchtime and after school. We are currently working on a programme of these and hope to get them up and running very soon. Students will be given more information about these during Tutor classes as the clubs get started.

LFD Testing

Whilst we are delighted that we are continuing to see a gradual removal of restrictions, we would continue to encourage staff and students to do twice weekly testing for Covid at home using the LFD testing kits. 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=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKcCaRwS7xGxBneKkd9aaxTBUQUtaUDlwVVBPTVNCUTA0QTI1VDVSRIhVUy4u>

As always, many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to us all having a more positive an normal year.

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.