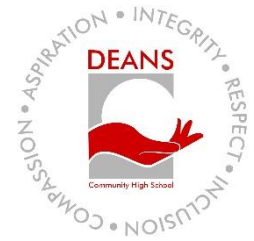


Parent Update

27 August 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Flu Vaccinations

S2 to S6 students were issued with letters and consent forms this week for flu vaccinations and S1 will be issued with the same shortly. This is the first time that secondary school students and staff have been part of this programme and the NHS are understandably keen for as many as possible to take part in it. Please ensure that you read through the information pack and return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible.

Children's Parliament

As I mentioned before the holiday, we have three students, Ayesha, Nadia and Tyler, who have been working with the Children's Parliament on Scotland's Climate Assembly this year. Now in S2, they are continuing to work with the Climate Assembly Members of Children's Parliament as part of the journey to the UN international climate conference being held in Glasgow this year - most commonly known as COP26. This week they were invited to be part of a conference call with the following Cabinet Ministers to talk about their calls to action around education and learning from the Climate Assembly process:

- Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary - Education & Skills)
- Jamie Hepburn (Minister for Higher Education, Further Education, Youth Employment & Training)
- Clare Haughey (Minister for Children and Young People)

This is a significant opportunity for them to discuss what they, and young people across Scotland have been doing when sharing their calls to action and Ayesha, Nadia and Tyler continue to make us proud in how well they do this.

Timekeeping

Last session we changed the tutor period from first thing to later in the day and this remains in place for this session. Since the first subject period now starts at 8.35 am, any students who arrive after this time are missing out on crucial learning within their subjects. We have become concerned by the number of students who are arriving late to class and I would ask for your help in ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

School Uniform

Please remind your child that they should be arriving to school every day in their school uniform and that no one should be arriving to school in tracksuit bottoms, leggings or sports shorts.

LFD Testing

We are continuing 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 QR code below or using a paper copy from the school office.



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 protocols, including booking a PCR test for your child and contacting the school when the result comes through to you.

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. You should then book a PCR test for your child and contact the school again when the result comes through. We can then advise you of the next steps to take.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher