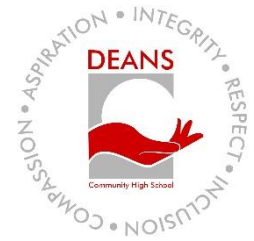


Parent Update

8 October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

S1 Reports

S1 settling-in reports were issued this week and should give you an early indication of how your child is coping in each of their classes. If you have any concerns around this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Small to discuss this.

School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan for session 2021/22 has now been placed on the school website within the section 'About Our School'. This gives an overview of the areas of improvement we are focusing on this year and it will come as no surprise that recovery is high on our agenda. Specific areas of recovery include health and wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and learning and teaching.

The Standards and Quality Report for session 2020/21 can also be found in this part of the school website. This gives details of the progress made within the school last session.

Senior Phase Feedback

Following this week's senior phase assessments, students in S4-S6 will begin receiving feedback after the October break. Their teachers will have learning conversations with them around which aspects of their knowledge and skills are strong and, more importantly, which ones require further work. Teachers will aim to be as clear as possible around this, giving explicit steps on what each student should now take. Should your child remain unclear about how to further improve, please encourage them to speak to their teacher. It is of course vital that students then act on the feedback between now and the December assessment block.

Dates for your Diary

The following forthcoming dates should be noted:

11 th – 17 th October	October Holiday
Monday 18 th October	In-Service Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	S1 parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th November	S2 parents' Evening

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 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.