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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Update 25.6.21

We are midway through report writing and checking at the moment in school. We have spent a considerable amount of time on these to try to ensure that they give you good quality information on what your child has studied, how they are progressing, what they need to do to improve further and finally a concluding comment from their teacher. We hope, as you receive them, that you find them useful and they help strengthen the home-school bond.

Current Cases

This week we have seen several cases of COVID within school:

- 6 student cases this week (1 x Yr 7, 2 x yr 8, 1 x yr 9 and 2x yr 10)
- This week we had 2 positive LFT tests which were then confirmed negative by PCR tests
- 26 cases since 1st Jan (8 staff and 18 students) and
- 57 cases this academic year (13 staff and 44 students).

INSET DAY – Monday

A reminder that Monday (28th June) is an INSET day so students should not return until Tuesday 29th June.

Twice Weekly Testing

To help tackle this rise, we have been asked to encourage all staff, students and their families to take part in the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing. Students and staff can access tests from school whilst families can collect them from the local test centres.

Changes to Start of Term (September)

Our term dates were published some time ago with the intention that all students would start back at school on Friday 3rd September. More recently, a number of factors have led us to reassess this:

- COVID restrictions leading to cancelation of our Year 6 transition days and
- Confirmation from the Department for education that the school year will be a day shorter next year in recognition of the additional bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee.

You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.

In the light of these new circumstances we have made the following changes to the start of term in September:

- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September: remain as INSET Days
- Friday 3rd September: Year 7 students only (as a transition day for new intake Year 7 students)
- Monday 6th September: All students in school

Pastoral Changes (Year 7)

Our Year pastoral structure is built upon Year 7 team remaining in Year 7 to specialise in transition, whilst the other 4 year groups rotate, remaining with a year group as they progress from Year 8 through to Year 11. Mr Leggett and Mrs Moran (who were in Year 11) have been shadowing our current Year 7s and from Monday 28th June they will formally take over from Mrs Critchley and Ms Swaby, who I would like to thank for doing a wonderful job this year.

Road Safety

As many of you may be aware, one of our students was injured in a traffic accident this week. Can I use this as an opportunity to remind students of the dangers of traffic and to ensure they follow road safety guidance when crossing the road. We will be echoing that message in school.

Forthcoming Events (items in bold indicate different school finish time)

Monday 28th June: INSET Day (students do not attend)

Tuesday 29 th June:	Year 10 Immunisations (Not COVID related)
Wednesday 30 th June:	Year 8 Immunisations (Not COVID Related)
Thursday 1 st July:	Year 9 Immunisations (Not COVID related)
Friday 2 nd July:	Year 9 Immunisations (Not COVID related)
Monday 5 th July:	Year 9 Immunisations (Not COVID related)
Wednesday 7 th July:	1719 Training day
Wednesday 14 th July:	Year 10 RSE Drop Down Day
Wednesday 14 th July:	Full Governing Body Meeting (5pm)
Thursday 15 th July:	Year 9 RSE Drop Down Day
Thursday 22 nd July:	School closes for summer (12.10pm)

And finally

The past couple of weeks has seen me speaking to staff and sharing our 3 Year Plan. The staff have been very positive in their reaction to the plan and there is a shared sense of purpose on our way forward. I hope to share this information with parents over the next couple of weeks, so that you too, are clear on our direction of travel for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher