

Whole Academy Update Letter 15th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to the confirmation of the details of 'Step 4' of the Covid Roadmap and updated Operational Guidance for the Academy from 19th July 2021 we can confirm the arrangements that the Academy will have in place from 19th July to the end of term Thursday 22nd July.

The Academy will maintain student bubbles and the daily routine we have had in place for the whole of the Academic year from 19th July through to the end of term. We have experienced an increase of Covid cases in recent weeks within our Academy community and want to ensure we take a responsible approach to take every reasonable step to avoid the risk of transmission during the last four days of term.

Face coverings will remain optional on the Academy site as they have been for students for a number of weeks now. We strongly recommend that students continue to wear face coverings on buses until the end of term. Also, students need to maintain the year group seating arrangements we have had in place for the whole of the Academic year.

Please continue to take the lateral flow tests and log them on the Academy Google form until the end of term.

The last day of term, Thursday 22nd July, will be a non-uniform day as a reward for all of the resilience and commitment shown by students throughout the year. However, students and parents may wish to make a charitable contribution to the '100 Day Readathon Challenge' for Young Lives vs Cancer (previously Clic Sargent) Charity that is being undertaken by Evie Mander-Casson in Year 9. Donations can be made on Parent Pay.

We are now in the process of finalising plans for September 2021. It is our intention to remove bubbles, the need to ask groups of students to self isolate and other Covid restrictions from September onwards. Part of the return to the Academy in September involves students taking two Lateral Flow tests. This will involve a staggered start to term to enable the testing to be rolled out and administered across our whole Academy community. We will send an update in due course.

Yours sincerely,



D Keogh
Principal