

Friday 9th April 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your family are well and have enjoyed the Easter holiday so far.

Over the past week, the Department for Education has published further guidance for schools when they return after the Easter holiday. The wearing of face masks continues to be highly recommended across the school site for staff and pupils and so we will encourage this in classrooms, corridors, and communal areas. We recognise that some pupils are exempt from wearing face masks.

Before the Easter holiday, pupils were issued with 'test at home' kits for COVID-19 testing as on-site testing at the academy has ceased. We will be distributing more kits early next week to facilitate the twice weekly testing in-line with the latest government guidance. Pupils should be tested every 3-5 days. Once a test has been completed, results should be logged here:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If the result is positive, the pupil must isolate at home together with any family members in the household. A confirmatory PCR test must be booked or ordered to confirm the positive result. If the PCR test comes back negative, then there will be no further need to isolate and your child can return to school immediately.

As we commence the summer term and strive for a return to normal practice please be advised that all pupils will be expected to arrive in full school uniform. Jeans, tracksuit bottoms and trainers are not permitted. Only students who have PE on their timetable for that given day will be expected to arrive to school in PE kit and trainers. Whilst we appreciate that high street shops have not been allowed to open, supermarkets have been open throughout and sell most essential items of uniform including school shoes. Please also note that brightly coloured hair and hairstyles which include shaved patterns are not part of our school uniform policy. All piercings other than a single stud in the ear should be removed together with any jewellery other than a wristwatch. I would like to thank our parents and carers for their support; by ensuring our pupils return to the high levels of presentation and behaviour we have nurtured as a school community.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Bissoo
Principal