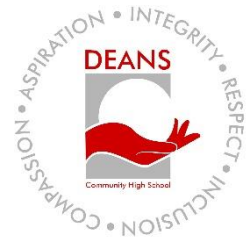


Parent Update

25 September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this update finds you well, despite the recent heightening of restrictions across the country. We have our first Parent Council meeting of the session taking place next week and this is being done virtually as we are still unable to meet in the school building. The minutes of all Parent Council meetings can be found on the school website should you wish to read them.

First Aid Qualifications

Senior students have now begun working through their first aid qualification after this being placed on hold during lock down. As with many things, we have had to adapt how this is run and put additional risk assessments in place, however thankfully this does not appear to be getting in the way of students participation and enjoyment. A different group will take part each week over the next several weeks and will include some students who are leaving school at Christmas.

Anti-Bullying Awareness

Next week we will be joining with schools across the country in showing the Big Anti-Bullying Assembly which has been put together in partnership with The Diana Award and Nationwide. From this, we will be again working with students in updating our own anti-bullying practices across the school as part of our wellbeing priority.

Attendance

As I am sure you are aware, student attendance in school has a big impact on their progress, achievement and attainment. Whilst we understand that there are times when attending school is not possible, I would ask that you support your child in keeping absences to an absolute minimum. If your child is unable to attend school, learning materials can be accessed via Teams however Teachers are unable to teach through Teams when they are teaching classes in school, therefore being in school will certainly be more beneficial. The attached flyer gives an indication of the impact of attendance. If you have concerns over your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House.

Many thanks for your continued support during these challenging times and I hope that you and your families 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 and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

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.