

# Parent Update

20 November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

You should have now received a letter from me updating you on the restrictions that come into effect from Monday as a school within level 4 of the COVID protection levels. The main change for us within the school is the move back to outdoor PE only. We are keen, as our students have been also, to maintain as much physical exercise as possible and I would ask that you ensure your child has suitable clothing with them for this. On occasions when the weather is too bad to have outdoor PE, students will be in classrooms taking part in theory work. Since there will be times when we have to make this call at the last minute, I would like students to still arrive to school in their PE kit on days when they are timetabled to have PE. Of course if the weather is clearly awful and unlikely to improve that day, students can wear school uniform instead.

Tracking reports for S4/5/6 students have been issued today. In addition to the red/amber/green tracking, these reports also contain action points for students to help them progress further. I would ask that you encourage your child to make the most of these, particularly as they prepare for the upcoming December assessments. There is a wealth of resources available to them, including on Teams, and a number of teachers have also been using Teams to record more detailed individual verbal or written feedback for students. Should you be at all unclear of where your child can find revision materials or are unsure of what they need to do next, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either their head of house or head of year for advice.

Normally at this time of year we hold an information evening for P7 students and their parents. This year Mr Small (DHT for S1/2) has been making preparations for a virtual version of this, with videos of the school and links to each subject. Information on this will go to P7 parents shortly via their child's Primary School and the videos etc will also be posted on our school website.

As always, I hope that you and your families stay 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.***