

# Parent Update

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Dear Parents and Carers

You should by now have received a copy of our latest newsletter, giving you a flavour of some of the activities that have taken place and achievements our students have made over the past few months. You will also receive details from the Council about what information to give Test and Protect should your child receive a positive COVID test result over the Christmas period.

From January 6<sup>th</sup>, students will be swapping their lunch breaks over with S1-3 moving to the second lunch break and S4-6 moving to the first lunch break. As with all changes we have had to make this year, the move will be evaluated and is subject to change.

Having reached the half-way point of the session, I can without doubt say that this academic year has so far proven to be the most challenging of my 30 years in teaching. Like all of you, I could not have foreseen any of this just a year ago and I fervently hope that we will soon come through the other side. We have had to react to changing circumstances at an alarming rate and this can be difficult to deal with, both by those making the changes and those on the receiving end. Given this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding as you have been very much on the receiving end. The support you have given all of us within the school has been incredible and had such an impact on our ability to support our young people.

I hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the Christmas period and that you remain safe and well throughout.

Warmest wishes

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.***