

# Parent Update

1 October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

## Parent Council

The Parent Council at Deans has been an excellent forum for parents and carers to meet regularly with senior staff from the school and work together in supporting our young people. We are very keen to add new members to this group and would welcome any of you who feel you can give up an hour of your time once a month to join us. We currently meet virtually on the last Tuesday of each month from 6 pm to 7 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please provide us with your details using the QR code or link below. This will allow us to then send you the Skype link just before the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 26 October.



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## Senior Phase

Tracking reports for S4-S6 were issued this week and we have been delighted with the level of follow-up conversations these have generated with both parents and students. Senior phase students have their October assessments next week and these will lead to learning conversations with their teachers on where their strengths and areas for development lie, as well as what steps to take to make improvements.

## LFD Testing

We are continuing to encourage staff and students to do twice weekly testing for Covid at home using the LFD testing kits. We still have plenty of the kits here at the school for students to take home to use and these can be collected from the school reception during Tutor periods each day. If your child has not yet used these and would like to do so, the consent form (which only has to be completed once) can be completed online using QR code below or using a paper copy from the school office.



Please also ensure that your child's result is registered online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

Should your child be displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, a PCR test must be booked.

### **Dates for your Diary**

The following forthcoming dates should be noted:

5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Senior Phase Assessment Week
11 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October	October Holiday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	In-Service Day

As always, many thanks for your continued support and I hope that you and your family 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 protocols, including booking a PCR test for your child and contacting the school when the result comes through to you.

***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. You should then book a PCR test for your child and contact the school again when the result comes through. We can then advise you of the next steps to take.***