

Parent Update

17 December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch went down a treat with students on Tuesday. We had three sittings and a lot of empty plates afterwards, always good sign. It was lovely to be able to retain this Christmas tradition and my thanks go to the catering staff for providing this.

Christmas Doors

Another firm Christmas tradition at Deans is for tutor classroom and office doors to be decorated. The competition is fierce over who will have the best decorated door, with creativity levels getting higher each year. Well done to everyone who got involved and provided us with some festive cheer. The full set of photos will be uploaded to the website.



LFD Testing

You should have received a letter on Tuesday around the lateral flow test kits for use of home Covid testing. I realise that there has been some discussion in the press around shortages of kits, but please be assured that we have plenty of them in school and I would encourage you to ask your child to collect a few boxes from us before the holiday. All staff and students are encouraged to take a test before returning to school after the holiday, either the night before or in the morning before leaving for school.

We've had another term of uncertainties but once again our students and staff have shown remarkable resilience and community spirit. I hope that you and your family have the opportunity to spend time together over Christmas and that you all remain safe and well. I'm sure we will all be hoping for a more settled and safer year in 2022.

Best wishes,

Pauline Allison
Headteacher

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.