



Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this update finds you well and that you, your young person and your family are having a restful Easter break and enjoying the sunshine.

This update just has a few reminders ahead of school starting back on Monday 19 April.

1) COVID-19 Symptoms

Whilst it has been lovely for many of us to experience the loosening of COVID restrictions over the past week, please remember it is absolutely vital that we continue to do everything we can to prevent an outbreak in school. With students having missed so much school time we want to all do everything we can to prevent further disruption.

With this in mind, please remember that you must not send your young person into school if they have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. If this is the case, please notify the school straightaway and ensure you follow NHS guidelines around testing and self-isolation.

2) Face Coverings

The Department for Education guidance on face coverings in schools has not been changed since we last updated you, therefore our policy will continue to be that face coverings will be worn at all times indoors at College by adults and young people, including in classrooms. This does not apply to students where parents and carers have notified us that they are exempt.

3) LFT Testing

Please continue to use the home LFT tests supplied to you - your next testing day should be this Sunday. Please continue to remember to notify the College AND the NHS of all results by using the links below:

Please click here to notify the College: <https://forms.gle/X9B7F2KF97p7dLnUA>

Please click here to notify the NHS: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please be aware that with students returning to College after the Easter break it is more important than ever that they complete their test on Sunday. You will receive the usual reminder to complete the test on Sunday – we strongly recommend that your young person completes a test before they attend college on Monday.

We have had some reports that the form to report COVID test results to the College has not worked for some people/devices on Wednesday this week, we have checked everything with the form and made some small changes and it seems to be working but if you do have any issues with the form please let us know.

4) Where to go on Monday 19 April

All students should arrive as usual for 0845. Everyone will go to their current tutor group room. Form tutors will then have time with their groups to issue new timetables and ensure everyone knows where to go.

As usual, members of the senior team and Heads of House will be on duty at the front of school to welcome everyone back and to help anyone who has forgotten where to go.

5) Uniform

Please make sure you read the separate letter about uniform Kirsty Matthews and I sent to you on 1 April. If you know you will struggle to have your young person in correct uniform for Monday, please remember we can supply clean items of uniform to students on a short-term basis. If this is going to be the case, it is always best to email your young person's Head of House in advance.

6) Catering

Please remember that from Monday all students will have some access to the canteen each day. Please ensure wherever possible you have topped up their accounts remotely as access to the cash top up machine will be very limited.

You can add money to your young person's account by going to the payments section of the school app (Weduc) and making a payment through there, we would also encourage you to set up an 'auto top-up' for your child's school meal account as this will ensure there is always money on their account to pay for things.

We have also taken the opportunity to review the menu offered and hope the students will like the improvements in both what is offered and portion sizes – I've attached the new menu to this email and it is also available on the website. There is also no need to 'pre-order' meals now - all students will be able to order food on the day as they could pre-COVID.

Thank you for noting the above points and we are very much looking forward to seeing students again on Monday.

With best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal