



7 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

We are reminded that as the country is beginning to return to normal we are very much still in the middle of this pandemic. You will remember from my letter of last week which notified you of a confirmed case in Y10 and as a result of that, all Y10's were asked to self-isolate. Since that year group have been in isolation and out of school, there have been 23 further confirmed cases in Y10.

Today we invited Y10 students, who are still showing negative on their LFT's, into school to conduct a mass testing before the cohort returns back on Monday. From testing, 2 more students received a positive result on the LFT. These students have now been asked to book themselves a PCR test and to self-isolate.

To confirm, Y10's are to return to school on Monday 10 May 2021, apart from those students who have received notification from the NHS, they are to return on the date directed.

In addition, we also received confirmation of a confirmed case in Y11. A number of students were asked to self-isolate and we today received confirmation that another student, who is currently self-isolating, has tested positive on a LFT. As a result of that and to keep the College community as safe as possible, all Y11's (those currently isolating and those in school) will take part in a year group LFT on Tuesday 11 May 2021, providing parental consent has been given.

9.35am – 10.35am	11JLu and 11BH
10.45am – 11.45am	11ANP and 11AMa

Y11's are to attend in full school uniform, take their test and then leave site. Any positive cases, parents will be contacted as soon as the result appears. Students are then to follow their timetable for Period 3, 4 and 5 online. All Y11's to return to school on Wednesday 12 May 2021, apart from those students who have received notification from the NHS, they are to return on the date directed.

I also report that we have received 2 confirmed cases on the staffing body. Those members of staff and others who may have come into direct contact with them are also self-isolating.

I do appreciate that this may be concerning and worrying but please be assured that we are in contact with the DfE, Public Health England as well as the local authority. Also attached to this mail out is a letter from Bromley Council and an information sheet for those families who are isolating. Bromley Public Health also asked that I share the following picture and links for your information.

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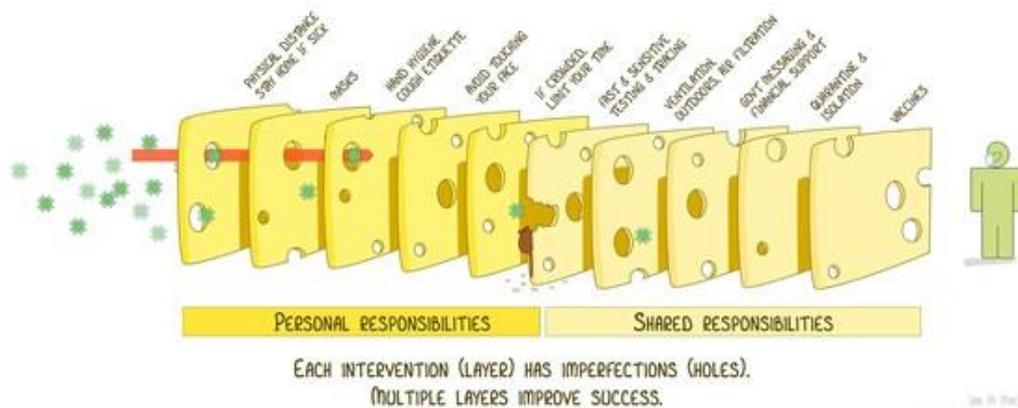
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Stay at Home Self-Isolation guidelines; advice about self-isolation if anyone in a household has tested positive via PCR

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Guidelines for anyone who have been in contact with but do not live with the person who has been found positive and is self-isolating.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

I do stress to parents that this virus is still prevalent and we all need to play our part to ensure that we keep each other safe. I ask parents to continue with the LFT and if you require any further kits for you or your family, then please contact the College or follow this link <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> where you will be able to get them from. Students and staff still go through the same stringent hygiene measures that are in place and although not mandatory, I do encourage students, if possible, to wear masks in class as they do in communal areas. We have cleaners throughout the day, on a loop system, continuously sanitizing “touch points” and cleaning all areas of the school.

I do appreciate that as the country appears to be “re-opening” I ask parents to err on the side of caution in letting your child mix outside of school with different households. I only ask this to ensure that we keep each other safe.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have kept us informed and contacted the school to update us on their son’s status. I wish them all a speedy recovery.

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In true resilient style, life for the rest of the College community carries on as normal. You will know that reading is one of our main priorities as we know it is the best way for our students to catch up on their learning from the school time they have missed.

Next week we are very excited that we will be launching our new virtual library 'Capita Reading Cloud'. Students will have access to thousands of different books linked to their age group.

Form Tutors will be giving out log in details to their classes next week so our students can enjoy reading books that interest them. I encourage parents to have a look and see what is available.

Just a reminder on mobile phones in school. "On site, out of sight". If a student has a mobile phone this must remain in their bag for the school day and must be switched off. If a member of staff sees a student with their phone, this could be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect the phone after school. Students are aware of our expectations and know that phones cannot be taken out during the school day.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and the focus for this year is "Nature" and the benefits that engaging with nature can have on our Mental Health. We are very conscious because of the whole lockdown that we have all spent unusual amounts of time at home and we believe it important to encourage students to make use of the open spaces around them and particularly to be more aware of how they can take better care of their own mental health. Therefore, next week we are encouraging staff to have lessons outside, maybe sitting on the grass, under a tree and just being at one with nature. This will be a great opportunity for all of our students to connect with nature whilst learning at the same time, obviously this will all be weather permitting.

As always, thank you for your support, remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully



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