

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Return to school for Spring Term

Further to my previous message to you and further speculation on the media regarding our return to school, I am writing to confirm that it is still our intention to be fully open on Tuesday 5th January.

We will be conducting mass testing for all of our secondary students, but this will not be happening until the end of next week at the earliest. Therefore if you have any concerns that your child may have symptoms, I urge you to take them for a test. It has come to my attention that the mass test centre for Nuneaton and Bedworth is now operating on a no appointment basis, which may be of assistance for you should you live in that area.

We will be receiving our tests at the beginning of the week and will be engaging in training for staff who will be involved in this process. You will be receiving a lot of information during next week including a consent form. Please look out for this information as a swift reply will enable us to conduct the tests in an efficient manner.

Please be aware that testing is only for secondary age pupils at the moment and I will keep you informed as and when the guidance changes.

Should your child be within the clinically extremely vulnerable category (CEV) and has received a shielding letter, they should not come to school and we will arrange for them to be included in lessons wherever possible and send work for them to undertake so that they do not fall behind with their learning. If your child is in this category, please inform the school as soon as possible and forward a copy of your letter for our files.

The new strain of the virus is a cause for concern as it does indeed spread much quicker, therefore it is now more than ever important that your child is cooperative and follows all of the guidance and our processes as outlined in the risk assessment.

All of our pupils will receive fresh messages regarding keeping themselves safe whilst in school. Secondary pupils will be having an assembly on Tuesday morning (on Teams) to remind them all, as well as advance notice regarding testing. Primary pupils will be reminded by their teachers.

I would be most grateful if you would take some time to also remind your children of hygiene, handwashing, the use of anti bac and most importantly social distancing.

I will also be reminding secondary pupils to wear a face covering when in any of our communal areas. Some of our pupils are extending the wearing of their face coverings within lessons which is absolutely fine, providing that they are using them in the correct and most hygienic manner.

Please can I ask that you provide our secondary pupils with a re-sealable plastic bag for them to keep their face covering in when not in use.

Please note that I will continue to use this platform for general information and as ever should you have any comments, questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact me. Should you need to contact us urgently, please use the mobile numbers for myself and Helen Seickell which are on this website.

In the meantime, please can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and that 2021 is a more positive and healthier year for all of you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Marshall
Headteacher

