



19th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure, like me, you have been pleased to see your children/our students return to Cleeve Park.

As we now return to some sort of normality, it is vital that we re-establish good patterns of learning and high expectations. On the whole I have been very impressed with the way in which our community has come back to school life. I have been very impressed with the way in which students have returned - they are mostly looking smart and ready to learn. Please ensure that your child is not coming to school with incorrect uniform (hoodies etc), jewellery, and make up. I was pleased to be able to deliver assemblies to all students (in small groups) and outline our expectations moving forwards.

We have now undertaken an enormous number of lateral flow tests. The student conduct during these tests has been outstanding as we know that the test is not pleasant. We must remain vigilant in our approach to the virus and I am asking that we all continue to follow the guidelines so that the transmission rates remain low in the community as this will directly affect schools remaining open.

Please take a visit to our website to see how the one-way system is working - we are really pleased that students are moving around the building sensibly, and most importantly accessing the specialist rooms for teaching so that we can resume their education to the fullest possible extent at this time.

As yet, we have not had any positive cases reported since our return to school, however, as we return to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration if their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact with someone who has tested positive. However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

Lateral flow device tests are at least 99.9% specific, meaning the likelihood of a false positive is extremely low – less than 1 in every 1,000. PCR testing will always carry a risk of producing false negatives. At the moment, carrying out LFD tests in supervised conditions such as school and not carrying out confirmatory PCR testing means we capture the maximum possible number of coronavirus (COVID-19) infections during the initial return to school period. Once your child starts testing at home using lateral flow tests, positive results must be followed up with a confirmatory PCR test (as these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment). Please ensure that you register the tests with the NHS covid test site and we ask that you inform us of any positive test results as a matter of urgency.

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As students should have completed their 3rd LFD test in school by Monday, we will then be sending the first batch of home testing kits home with students. A letter setting out the details of the home testing will also be provided on Monday.

Yours faithfully



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