

Date: 28th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the changes to take place after half term due to the recent Government announcements.

Face Masks:

Students will no longer have to wear face masks in the classroom, but we will still encourage them to wear masks in communal spaces including corridors. If students wish to continue to wear masks in the classroom, they will be welcome to do so.

School Day:

The school day will start at 08:40 for all students. Students in Year 7 and 8 will continue to finish school at 14:50. Year 9, 10 and Post-16 will finish at 15:00. Students in Year 7 and 10 will continue to enter school via Dane Road. Year 8, 9 and Post-16 via Shakespeare Street. Walsgrave entrance will remain closed.

Uniform and SP5:

As the weather will be getting warmer on our return we will be asking students to remove coats in lessons. A reminder that hoodies are not allowed to be brought onto school site. A uniform guide is attached to this letter as a reminder of what is acceptable. If you have any queries regarding uniform, please speak to your child's Head of Year.

Please refer to the attached poster as a reminder of SP5. It is important that all students arrive to school prepared and ready to learn.

Mobile phones:

Mobile phones are not to be seen in school, please refer to the policy on our website.

Fizzy/sport drinks:

Fizzy/sport drinks are not allowed on school site.

Free School Meals:

Vouchers will be issued for half term via SchoolVouchers.

Year 10 and 12 Mock exams:

During the week beginning 14 June, the Year 10 and 12s will be writing mock exams in their subjects. Departments and year teams have been working hard with students to help them develop their revision timetables and skills. The results of these assessments will be discussed with the students to ensure their continued progress and to set further targets. There will also be online parents evening to discuss your child's learning and next steps.

Summer Term Year 11 Transition to Post 16:

During the final half term there will be a six week transition programme for those students who have applied to attend Stoke Park Post 16 Select in September. There will be a weekly assembly via Teams every Monday morning at 9 am from 7 June where students will be spoken to and supported about how to prepare for Post 16.

From Tuesday 29 June until Friday 2 July, there will be a Transition week where students will come onsite to see what it is like to be a Post 16 student. The future Year 12s will experience Post 16 lessons, have the chance to meet their teachers and new peers across the Trust, sign up for a range of clubs and societies and learn more about university, apprenticeships and career pathways. Students will also be given tasks to complete and help prepare them for their start in September. We are extremely excited to welcome and support our students in this next phase of their education.

Further information about Transition Week will be shared via an online parents' evening on Monday 21 June from 6 pm to 7 pm. A link to register will be text to parents and be made available on the school's website.

Lateral Flow Testing:

A crucial part of our measure to keep our school community safe is regular lateral flow testing for all students and staff. We ask all students and staff to test at home twice per week on Sunday and on Wednesday. This testing has already picked up and protected us all from a number of cases. Importantly, testing in this way has significantly reduced the impact of positive cases and the need for self-isolation of large groups of students.

All results whether positive, negative or void need to be reported to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and to the school via this simple online form <https://tinyurl.com/yzxdlaou>

Lateral flow tests should not be used if you or your child are displaying symptoms of COVID 19.

If anyone in your household tests **positive, you, everyone in your household and any support bubbles that you are part of** should self-isolate immediately for 10 days in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance. You should also book or [order a confirmatory PCR test within 48 hours](#) of the lateral flow test result and if the result of the PCR test is **unclear (void)** you should do another PCR test. If you do the PCR test after the 48 hour period, then you must complete self-isolation period regardless of the PCR result. If you are not sure about any of this please contact us and we can explain what you need to do.

Covid -19:

A reminder that if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19 you need to self-isolate. You should book a test through the national system immediately for the child with symptoms and you **must** tell us the outcome. We can help you with this if you are not sure what to do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over what has been a challenging year for us all. We look forward to the next half term supporting your child in their next stages of learning and enabling them to experience many more enriched opportunities, now some of the restrictions have been eased. Have a lovely half term and let us hope the sun shines.

Yours sincerely,



Miss N Rock
Headteacher