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COVID update

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Cases in our school community are rising quickly; this letter gives information regarding the COVID situation. The school is following advice taken from Public Health Warwickshire and the Operational Guidance published by the Government. Please read the notice carefully.

Current cases

On Monday 27.09.21 we have 42 students isolating after a positive PCR test and approximately 30 awaiting PCR results. Years 8 and 10 are most affected but have not reached thresholds to send the whole year group home. I hope we do not have to do this. I will update parents on a regular basis the numbers of positive cases in each year group.

Students in Y8 and 10 that are NOT currently showing symptoms or isolating, are strongly advised to book a PCR test in the next 48 hours outside of school time. It is possible and likely that they have been a close contact of a positive case within their year group. As long as they are not showing symptoms and haven't been contact traced by the NHS, they can continue to attend school while awaiting the result. The more students that are tested, the more we will be able to effectively monitor the cases and keep the school fully open. Walk-in centres are the easiest and quickest method.

Reporting COVID related absences

There are several reasons that you may need to contact the school regarding COVID absences or queries. Please note: the COVID reporting number is no longer in use as the NHS has now taken up the Track and Trace process.

- **Reporting a positive Lateral Flow Test result** (home testing): Please use the link on our website: [Test Reporting on Website](#) OR contact the school's **Absence line** on **01926 645611**. You should keep your child at home and book a confirmatory PCR test within 48 hours
- **Informing the school that your child has symptoms:** Contact the school's absence line and book a PCR test within 48 hours; keep at home until PCR result.

**There are other bugs and viruses currently in school which may not be COVID but show similar symptoms. There are staff and students with general colds and who are continuing to stay in school after a PCR test.*

- **Reporting a positive PCR result:** Contact the school as soon as possible on the absence line to report the result and email a screen shot of the test result and recommended isolation dates to: enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk FAO of W.Roe: PCR test

A member of staff from the school will contact home in due course. This may be the Form Tutor, Head of Year or a member of the Student Services team.

Please be patient with staff if you need to speak to someone as we are getting high numbers of calls in the morning.

It is still a requirement for all students to attend school. If you have any queries or concerns about sending your child to school due to them feeling unwell or you're unsure about whether they should isolate please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Student Services Team who will be able to advise.

Home Testing

All students should continue to test twice weekly at home. Our next delivery of testing kits will be on Friday 1st October; they will be distributed as soon as possible.

Remote Learning

Many students will not experience symptoms after testing positive and will be able to continue learning at home. There will be various ways in which they can access learning activities. These will generally be the following:

- Invited into a live lesson on their Microsoft Teams calendar
- Assignments set on Teams
- Work via email

Learning will be available throughout isolation periods although we recognise that some students will be genuinely too poorly to complete all of it. The Remote Learning Policy can be found on the website and is currently being updated.

Mitigating Transmission

We continue to promote hygiene measures amongst all members of the community. In addition, enhanced cleaning protocols are in place. All rooms are well ventilated and staff have been asked to maintain this during lessons.

This week we are reintroducing face coverings in communal areas. Please ensure your child/children bring a face covering to school. From Thursday, we anticipate that we will be back into this routine for everyone. They will remain voluntary in lessons.

Please continue to encourage your children to wear face coverings on school transport.

Vaccination Programme

I received information from Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust this week; the letters and information will be passed on to parents this week.

Finally, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Bridge', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Helen Bridge