

9 July 2020

COVID-19 Testing

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to provide you with an update on how the wider opening of our schools has gone. We have followed Government guidance throughout the pandemic and were pleased to welcome back children in nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 6 across our primary schools from 1 June. We then invited Years 10 and 12 back into the secondary schools from 15 June. In line with guidance, a maximum of a quarter of each of Years 10 and 12 have attended each day.

Attendance

Attendance levels have been well above the national levels, with attendance in the majority of our primary schools ranging between 60% and 70% of eligible children. Two schools are slightly below 60% and three are above 70%. At secondary, attendance has been around 80% in all four schools. Last week we had approximately 1,700 pupils in our schools each day.

Testing for COVID-19

Since the wider opening of schools on 1 June, we have had no confirmed cases in any of our schools. Where a pupil or member of staff has symptoms of the virus, we ask them to take a test. So far, across our 21 schools, 39 pupils and 15 staff members have been tested – all have tested negative for the virus.

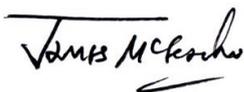
If your child is displaying symptoms, it is vital that you keep them at home and inform the school. You will be asked to book a test and to inform the school of the outcome of the test. As confirmation of the test result, we would like you to forward the text / email from the testing centre to the school.

Summer holiday quarantining

Please could you inform the school if you are travelling to a country for which the UK government requires a period of quarantine upon return to the UK **and your return date falls after Tuesday 18 August**, as your child / children would have to quarantine at the start of the new school year, for their benefit and that of other pupils and staff in school. For guidance around quarantining please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Yours sincerely



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