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Dear parents and carers,

As we close tomorrow for the Easter holidays, I would like to conclude the term with some reminders, reassurances and thanks.

COVID-19

Following an extremely successful asymptomatic testing programme in school, during which 92+% of our school population were tested, our students have now moved to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. This is following their first three supervised tests on site at Deyes.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We will be continuing to send home COVID-19 testing kits with your child as directed by the Department for Education. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.**

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.



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Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work if it is available.
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

Easter Holidays

We have been asked to continue to notify families of any students or staff who are identified as close contacts of someone in our school community who tests positive for Covid-19 for the duration of the holiday.

If this applies to your child, please email us at admin@deyeshigh.co.uk giving the following details:-

- Name of child
- Form group/year group
- Date of the COVID-19 test
- Does the child have symptoms? (Yes or No)
- What date did the symptoms start?
- What date did the child last attend school?
- Please identify any social /friendship groups that your child has been in close contact with.
- Your contact details.

We will use the following process when informing families of positive cases and close contacts: -

1. We will send a short PSConnect message (text) to close contact families – this will inform you of an email with further details.
2. We will email all first contacts with a confirmation that your child has been identified as a close contact and must isolate. This email will also link to any current government advice.
3. We will email the whole school for information only.

In order to support us with this process, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible if your son or daughter tests positive for COVID-19. You are our only method of receiving this information, as we do not receive notification from NHS Track and Trace. As always you can be assured that we will not be sharing the names of positive cases. We will only contact you during the school holiday if absolutely necessary.





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Summer Term 2021

The summer term begins on 12th April 2021 and students will return to school under all the same precautionary guidelines as they have been working with since re-joining us on the 8th of March. We look forward to seeing them well rested and looking forward to the final term of the school year. Hopefully, if the roadmap for removing restrictions continues as planned at national level, we will be able to enjoy some increased freedoms in the way we operate our school for the benefit of all.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the staff here at Deyes who have been as resilient throughout the term as our students. Our unique partnership has, once again, brought us through a challenging time with many positives and much to look forward to.

I would like to wish you a peaceful Easter break and hope that your families stay safe and well.

With kind regards

Mrs V L Beaney
Head of School



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