

14th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank all parent/carers for your support since we reopened. Students have been incredibly cooperative and hard working since our return. They have accepted new rules, and the wearing of face masks, whilst taking part in all the testing without concern and acted with maturity throughout. We have had a number of visitors to the school taking part in socially distanced tours over the last several weeks, for example parents of Year 6 students and candidates for interviews, all have commented on the calm and pleasant working environment.

Today in reality is Year 11 and 13s last 'normal' day at school before they embark on their exams. We obviously wish them all the very best and thank them for their patience at what has been an extremely frustrating period for them whilst the government were making up their mind on how they were to be assessed.

Parents Evening

You should by now have received through the post information on our upcoming parents evening on Tuesday 25th May. We are really looking forward to seeing as many parents online as possible.

Home Covid Testing

Thank you for your patience whilst we were waiting for the late delivery of home testing kits. Please can I remind you that if you have opted in to testing this must be completed. If the lateral flow test shows positive your child must isolate immediately whilst waiting for a PCR test confirmation.

Facemasks

As you will be aware the government relaxed its recommendation that facemasks must be worn by students in school. Therefore, from Monday 17th May students are no longer required to wear facemasks in school. However, many may still wish to do so and this is of course is absolutely fine, indeed it is something I would still encourage. The school has always followed the advice and guidance from the DFE and at the present time with rates in Slough of Covid being low I believe this is acceptable. However, Public Health England at any time can require schools to bring back facemask wearing should the need arise. Individual headteachers can also make this decision based on the specific circumstances in any individual school.

Current Covid cases at Wexham

Since our return on the 8th March two students tested positive before they returned to school and a further child tested positive in the initial week of on-site testing. Since reopening there has not been another positive student case. We have had one member of staff who tested positive since our return in March. There were several cases of our students testing positive on their return from abroad but they had not returned to school due to conforming to quarantine rules.

E-Scooters

Currently riding a personally owned electric scooter on a public road is forbidden in the UK. Nor are they allowed on the pavement. The only place they can be ridden is on private land, with the permission of the landowner. Riders currently face a £300 fixed-penalty notice. Therefore under NO circumstances should students be riding these to school. The Slough E-Scooter trial is only available for people over the age of 18.

Key dates for the remainder of the year

Summer Term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 7 th June 2021	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 16 th July 2021	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 19 th July 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET

Also available on the website are the year dates for 2021/22 academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher