

# HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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Update Letter – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good Easter Break and that you are all safe and well.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all students tomorrow for the Summer Term and we hope that we will soon return to something resembling 'normality' ... whatever that 'new normal' looks like!

In the meantime, our Covid-19 arrangements are still in place – full details can be found in the relevant documents on the Coronavirus page of the website. A few things worth noting are as follows:

- Face coverings continue to be worn by staff and visitors in communal areas.
- Face coverings continue to be worn in classrooms and communal areas by students. We were so impressed with the response from students to this added precautionary measure before Easter and we look forward to their continued sensible and mature approach. Please remember that anyone that needs an exemption to this, simply contact us via the school office. Subject to the roadmap process, the Government expect these precautionary measures to remain in place until Phase 3 – which will be no earlier than 17 May. The Government will confirm this with one week's notice.
- Shielding advice has been paused nationally from 31 March. All CEV students should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.
- School visits in UK (non-residential) schools can resume educational day visits from 12 April. Any educational day visits must be conducted in line with relevant coronavirus (COVID-19) secure guidelines and regulations in place at that time. This includes system of controls, such as keeping children within their consistent groups and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination. As a school, we will undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be undertaken safely. We will follow wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. Our first venture into a return to educational visits will be our Year 7 swimming programme.
- Twice-weekly home-testing should continue for Years 7 and 8 students (and staff). We will be provided with further test kits as the term progresses. We will do an on-site screening test for students on Thursday and Friday this week (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April). Please note that there has been a further change to the guidance for anyone that carries out a LFT test and has a positive result. The person with the positive LFT test must self-isolate, arrange a PCR test and provide the result to us at school. If they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD test (if a PCR test is then taken with 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the child or staff member can return to the setting).

Please ensure that students are equipped for school – a reminder that students need all relevant stationery, a reading book and a water bottle ... and, as mentioned above, a plentiful supply of face coverings! We are looking forward to a healthy and safe term filled with learning and kindness.

With all best wishes

MG Simpson



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