



18 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to clarify the arrangements for our last week of school. Students self-isolating will continue to access lessons via MS TEAMS and Satchel1.

Covid Safety Arrangements:

- **If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they must not attend School.** High temperature, new continuous cough and loss of taste and smell; some families are reporting headache, sore throat, runny nose, tummy ache and unusual tiredness. If in doubt, please request a PCR test.
- Contact the 24-hour absence line on: **01752 402679**, at the menu choose option 1 OR for Post 16 choose Option 2 by 09.30am, to report your child's absence from School.
- All Covid safety measures will remain in place until Friday 23 July as advised by Plymouth City Council and our trust.
- Buses, the government and DFE now recommend that face coverings are worn on public transport as the prevalence is high.

Positive Results from LFT Tests

- From Monday 19 July with the move to Stage 4, schools will no longer be responsible for contract tracing. **NHS Test and Trace** will assume these duties from 19th July.
- The government recommends everyone continues to use LFT to identify asymptomatic cases.
- If a student has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate.
- The student should order an immediate confirmatory PCR test.
- If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of the household can stop self-isolating (unless they have developed symptoms or been instructed to self-isolate by Test and Trace for other reasons).
- If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), they and other members of their household must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of the LFD test (or the date their symptoms began if they were symptomatic).

Friday 23 July - school closes early at 1.30pm

It continues to be reported that the transmission rates in Plymouth are the highest they have ever been, and we have written to you previously with updates regarding confirmed cases at the school. Sadly, this weekend more cases have been reported in Year 9 and we have contacted the parents and carers concerned.

It is extremely disappointing to be facing this situation going into the last week with students and staff having to self-isolate.

However, despite the challenges we will continue to make this a week of celebration and wanted to again recognise the fantastic effort and the commitment that our students, staff and yourselves as parents and carers have made this year.

Yours sincerely

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