



17 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher Update

I would like to take the opportunity to provide you with an update since we returned for the Spring term a couple of weeks ago. I have been thoroughly impressed by the manner in which our students have returned and there have been many things to celebrate. I would like to thank our staff, who continue to go above and beyond to support all students in returning to positive routines and settling quickly back into their learning. Finally, I would like to thank you as parents/carers for your continued support of Plymstock School during these ever changing and challenging periods.

Self-Isolation Advice and Guidance

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will be able to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Face Coverings

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school with a face covering. Our school community have once again fully supported the government recommendations and I am really proud of how our young people are demonstrating respect and empathy with keeping themselves and others safe.

Attendance

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all students. It is our priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Please continue to inform the school if your child is going to be absent from school and the reason why. If they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 please inform us of this, so that we can ensure that your child is supported with their learning. **Attendance can be contacted by phoning 01752 402679 or emailing attendance@plymstockschool.org.uk.** Please contact a member of the pastoral team if you or your child requires any additional support in attending school.

School Production – High School Musical

It has been wonderful watching many of our students rehearsing for the upcoming school production, which will be taking place on Monday 24 Tuesday 25, Thursday 27 and Friday 28 January 2022. We have had to put in place a number of COVID-19 restrictions to support the event going ahead but we are all really looking forward to watching our fantastically talented students perform. For anyone wishing to attend, there are still a small number of tickets available. These can be purchased via ParentPay or students can purchase them on Wednesday or Thursday lunchtime for this week only.

Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day

On Thursday 13 January, our Year 11 students had their first experience of collecting their mock examination results which they completed in November. Despite the continued uncertainty and challenges that the students have faced, there was a great deal to celebrate. This was a good opportunity for students to pause and reflect on where they are with their progress and I am confident

that with continued hard work, dedication and commitment and ongoing support from staff and parent/carers, the students will continue to move forwards and make even further improvements.

Emotional Logic Parent Introduction

We have an opportunity for any parent/carer to attend a FREE 60 minute online session which aims to provide information and strategies to support your child if they suffer from emotional issues such as anger, anxiety or communication and help them develop greater resilience and inner strength to adapt to changes and challenges in life. The session takes place on Wednesday 2 February 2022 from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Further information on how to book is available by visiting www.emotionallogiccentre.org.uk.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of Plymstock School.

Yours sincerely



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