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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update Covid-19

We have reached the end of the first half-term of the summer term and once more I write to say how proud I am of our children and their ability to adapt and respond to changing situations. Our Year 11 left last Friday having reached an important milestone in their life; as they left, there were tears of sadness and happiness; they have been under significant pressure with formal assessments, teacher assessments, planning for their futures and continuing to respond to living with a pandemic.

As I have previously written: I wish to thank all of our Year 11 for their continued focus on wanting to do the best they can and make themselves, their families and our school proud; they have achieved so much in these challenging times and we cannot underestimate the effort that must have been made to adjust to such a different school life than many of us have ever or will ever experience. I wish each and every one, success for the future and I hope they will look back on their time with us with pride.

Today is another milestone, as Year 13 students leave us to embark on the next steps in their life; as with Year 11, they too have endured pressure and change in equal measure over the last fourteen months and they too should feel a sense of pride in their achievements – I wish them every success for the future. We look forward to Year 11 returning for their Level 3 Learning Programme and Leavers' Lunch and seeing them on Results Day Thursday 12 August 2021. Likewise, we look forward to seeing our Year 13 on Results Day Tuesday 10 August 2021 and for them to keep in touch as they continue their life journey.

Maintaining COVID-19 protective measures

At this stage I am not aware of any guidance on how the lifting of restrictions by 21 June 2021 will impact on Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Days or our New Year 7 Information Evening or general organisation of school. I did write previously that we anticipated the outcomes from the national trials to inform the arrangements for large gatherings in school. As an aside from this, we continue to need to use our Main Hall as a dedicated learning space and this looks set to be the requirement for the whole of next half-term and possibly beyond. This is likely to restrict our opportunity to hold events with large gatherings.

There is no new information regarding updates, but we do remain vigilant and continue to have protective measures in place including regular cleaning of surfaces across the school, wearing of facemasks by our children, members of staff and visitors, regular handwashing/sanitising and ventilation.

The arrangements for notification of positive Lateral Flow Tests during school holiday periods remains as before:

The DfE and Public Health England (PHE) expect schools to continue having procedures in place for contact tracing over the May half-term break:

“Where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.”

For a pupil who tests positive for COVID-19 based on a PCR test during May half-term and who attended school between Monday 24 May 2021 and Friday 28 May 2021, parents/carers are to email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk and leave the following information:

- The name of your child who has tested positive on a PCR test and attends TSS
- Year Group and Form Tutor
- Symptoms and the date they started
- The date of the positive test
- Names of other children who are in your child's social group who they may have had contact with prior to symptoms and testing positive
- Names of other children who your child may have travelled to school with and not implemented protective measures

On each day, including Saturday 29 May 2021 and Sunday 30 May 2021, any information emailed on enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk between 9.00am and 11.00am will be forwarded to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, after a review of classroom contacts has been made. Once classroom proximity contacts have been identified, the member of the Senior Leadership Team On Call for that day, will email parents/carers that their child has been identified as being in close proximity to a child who has tested positive for COVID-19 based on a PCR test and will therefore need to self-isolate for a period of ten days from after last contact – no one else in the household will need to isolate unless they have symptoms.

The advice and guidance from Public Health England, which we have followed since publication in March 2020, is that the infectious period is forty-eight hours prior to the onset of symptoms and for an asymptomatic case, it is forty-eight hours prior to the positive test using a PCR. Therefore, any pupil who has symptoms up to and including Sunday 30 May 2021 will impact on pupils in school who will need to be notified to self-isolate for a period of ten days.

Timetable changes

We have considered changes to the timetable as the Year 11 timetable is suspended and they will return to a Sixth Form level programme. This has allowed us to look again at the morning break and lunchtime arrangements to reduce the impact on lessons. Below is a copy of the revised timetable.

	Arrival time	Form Time	P1	P2				P3	P4			P5	Staggered dismissal	Extra curricular
			60 minutes in total 45 minutes plus 15 minutes washing and movement	75 minutes in total 45 minutes plus 15 minutes break and 15 minutes washing and movement				60 minutes	90 minutes - staggered lunch for year groups			60 minutes in total 45 minutes plus 15 minutes washing and movement		
			9.05 – 10.05	10.05 – 10.20	10.20 – 10.35	10.35 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.05	11.05 – 11.20	12.20 – 12.50	12.50 – 13.20	13.20 – 13.50	13.50 – 14.50		
Y7	8.50	FT	Lesson	Break (B)	Lesson			Lesson	Lunch (C)	Lesson		Lesson	14.50	
Y8	8.45	FT	Lesson	Lesson	Break (C)	Lesson		Lesson	Lunch (B)	Lesson		Lesson	14.55	
Y9	8.40	FT	Lesson	Lesson			Break (B)	Lesson	Lesson	Lunch (B)		Lesson	15.00	
Y10	8.35	FT	Lesson	Lesson		Break (C)	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lunch (C)		Lesson	15.05	
Y12	8.25	FT	Lesson	Lesson			Break	Lesson	Lesson (lunch off site)			Lesson	14.45	

Lunch social areas: Year 7 Bottom MUGA & West side of playground, Year 8 Outside Café Beans, Year 9 Outside Café Beans, Year 10 Bottom MUGA & West side of playground
Lunch time toilet facilities: Year 7 English & Technology, Year 8 Main toilet block, Year 9 Main toilet block, Year 10 MFL, CBEM & Technology.

C= Café Cosmopolitan B= Café Beans

Once again, I wish to thank you for your continued support as we all continue to live through the challenges brought about by COVID-19 and embrace the lifting of restrictions. I appreciate the situations we all find ourselves in are demanding but it is encouraging that together we continue to achieve so much.

It has been a very demanding half-term but again it has been a pleasure to be Headteacher as our children continue to take everything in their stride and enjoy being in school and with each other.

Yours sincerely



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