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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: COVID-19 Update and Train Strike information and potential impact

COVID-19 update

It is interesting to note that schools have not received updates from the Department for Education for some time regarding COVID-19 with guidance being significantly reduced:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid?utm_source=31%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

The following is a copy of a summary of the guidance produced by Mr Robinson, Acting Assistant Headteacher which has been issued to members of staff and is hopefully useful to parents and carers:

Situation	Guidance	If PCR or LFD test confirms it is COVID
Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell .	Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.	Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days , which is when they are most infectious. Then return to work on day 6 if you feel well enough. * <i>*This means the need for further testing has been removed</i>
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature .	Stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college, or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.	For children and young people aged 18 and under, with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days * <i>*This means the need for further testing has been removed</i>

Since the start of the summer term, we have had five members of staff who had a short period of absence due to COVID-19. Although we do not ask parents/carers to inform us of COVID-19 related absence we have had four KS4 pupils and one KS5 student absent from exams for whom we will apply for special consideration for the papers they were unable to sit.

Train Strike information

As you will be aware, there is a national rail strike planned for next week. The following is information is provided by the National Union of Rail, Maritime, and Transport Workers (RMT):

A nationwide rail strike has been called by RMT union to take place for 3 days on Tuesday 21, Thursday 23, and Saturday 25 of June.

Customer safety is our priority, we advise you **not to travel between Tuesday 21st and Sunday 26th June** and make alternative plans.

On strike days there will be extremely limited availability of both train crew and signalling staff and as such we will not be able to operate services on most routes. There will be no replacement buses or alternative travel provided.



Unfortunately, as we will not be able to position our fleet how we normally would, the significant impact of the strike will also be felt on non-strike days. Therefore, we regrettably advise customers not to travel on any day from Tuesday 21st through to Sunday 26th June.

Where we are able to operate trains, services will be very limited. Details of the limited train services expected to run will be released on the [timetables page](#) as soon as possible.

More information, including details about refunds and [FAQs](#) can be found on our website.

This will inevitably impact on train services that some of our children use. Therefore, we are asking that you consider other options to ensure your child can attend school next week avoiding use of trains from Tuesday 21 June 2022 up to and including Friday 24 June 2022

The RMT have issued an apology for the inconvenience this will cause.

I will be writing again next week to give you an update on events in school and to outline the changes for the next academic year. Yet again our children continue to maintain their focus on learning, and I am especially proud of our Year 11 pupils and Year 13 students who have sat examinations under significant pressures following the return to school and the challenges they have faced living through a pandemic. They continue to do themselves and us proud.

Yours sincerely



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