

Weekly Communication update 23/04/21

Dear families,

Welcome to this week's Communication update. Hope you all had a lovely Easter.

<p>General update</p>	<p>It was lovely to welcome the pupils back after the Easter break. They have all arrived back happy to see friends and staff and keen to learn. Key items for this half term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pupils in Year 7 who normally have packed lunch will have to purchase a meal one day a week when they cook. This is payable via the Kdwizz app. ● You will be having another delivery of lateral flow home test kits over the coming week. Please continue to test your child on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. ● Year 11 pupils are working hard with Year 11 staff collecting evidence and doing assessment papers. They are doing well. Please encourage your child to engage fully with staff in this process. ● On the days when your child has PE, please send them to school in their PE kits. ● Please provide a face covering for your child to wear in school when moving through the corridors. ● Year 11 work experience takes place in June. Please contact Sue Card, work experience coordinator, if you have found a place for your child.
<p>Testing</p>	<p>At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges and at home. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result. Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.</p> <p>We currently have no positive covid cases among staff or students.</p>
<p>Date for your diary</p>	<p>No school on Monday May 3rd - it's a bank holiday.</p>
<p>Easter and May catch-up programme</p>	<p>The Easter Catch-up programme was a huge success. The team are looking forward to the June catch-up programme. I have also used the funding for the following:</p> <p>This week Ian, our new Music Therapist, started at Bensham Manor. He is delivering Music Therapy to a range of students. Laura Armitage also joined us this week. She is working one day per week providing individual and small group tuition to pupils. She has over 35 years experience working with SEN pupils.</p>