



Herne Bay High School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A warm welcome back to term 3, the start of a new year and hopefully, continued reduction in the impact of the pandemic on education.

The term has started well, attendance this week in school is very high and students are enjoying being back and are engaging well in lessons. We had a very successful year 7 parent evening this Wednesday and shall be following this up with the Year 8 event on the 19th of January and Year 9 on the 26th of January. These are excellent opportunities for you as parents and carers to get a good understanding of how your children are progressing in each subject they study.

This working partnership between family and school is a very important one and it contributes to your child making very good academic progress. Schoolwork can be hard and demanding and there will be times when having informed support and guidance from home, as well as school, will make that journey an easier and more successful one. All our existing methods of communication (website, the school app MyEd, progress reports, parents evenings or communication via text, email, phone) or even popping into the school, are all still very much at your disposal to ensure you are fully informed on your child's education.

Covid Update

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring their children undertake LFD testing twice a week. This is really helping us keep infection out of school and this was reflected in the attitude and conduct of students who undertook onsite testing on last Monday. As I am sure you are aware, government advice at the moment is to keep wearing face coverings in school, including during lesson time; please continue to reiterate this at home.

There is one main update from the Department of Education that we received today that I would like to share with you:

*From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period **after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test 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.** (Day 0 is the day you first test positive or start to have symptoms)*

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10day period of self-isolation.



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My last reminder is, although we have beautiful weather today, is that this term can often be cold, dark, and very wintery so please make sure your sons and daughters are suitably attired for school and have a coat. Please also remind them to take great care in travelling to and from school, following all the road safety advice that they have had instilled in them.

I will continue to keep you updated as and when we hear of any substantial changes but, for now, have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

With kind regards,

Mr Boyes
Principal

