

18th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of another successful week which means that all students have experienced their full timetable now. We are extremely pleased with how well students have coped with the changes around the school to ensure we are covid secure. Students have been mature, considerate and respectful throughout and shown a secure understanding of collective social responsibility.

Open Evening for 2021 Admissions

Our Open Evening campaign is going to take a slightly different form than previous years and will be a largely virtual experience this year. We are in the process of making online resources to welcome prospective students and families to the school and these will be available on our website by October 1st. We will be arranging pre booked tours, primarily for families who are new to school. These will be conducted in small groups of six and will take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October from 4.30-6.30pm. Booking is essential and can be arranged through the main school office.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Usually at this time of year we would offer a 'settling in' parents' evening where parents are invited into the school to meet teachers and gain an understanding of how students have settled in to the first two weeks. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer that this year. Instead, our Year 7 form tutors will aim to contact parents throughout next week to touch base with you and discuss any comments or concerns.

Suspected and confirmed cases of coronavirus

We are aware that there have been some confirmed cases in Norfolk schools and we continue to take our Covid Secure measures very seriously.

If your child displays any of the below symptoms, please contact the NHS to arrange a test.

The national guidance is clear that testing is only indicated where symptoms include one or more of the 3 main symptoms of coronavirus:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

People who do not have any of the above symptoms **do not need to get tested**. If you are concerned about potential symptoms, please telephone our Attendance Officer, Mrs Bryant or email jbryant@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

If you receive a positive test result, please notify the school as soon as possible. If this is during school hours, please use the normal school number. If this is out of school hours, please use the Test result contact number below between the following hours 5pm- 10pm during weekdays or 9 am – 7pm at weekends. **This test result contact is for informing the school of positive test results only** and we will be unable to deal with any other queries. Please telephone or text the below number if you receive confirmation of a positive test for a student.

Test contact number- Out of school hours- **07721 332592**

Picnic benches

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our picnic benches fund. We have raised over £275, so far but would love to raise more. We have managed to source some benches from a local supplier who is able to offer us a good deal. If you would like to make a donation to help provide some outdoor seating for students, please make a donation via Scopay or send in a cheque made payable to Acle Academy. Any donation, no matter how small, is greatly received.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Helen Watts

Principal