

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well. I appreciate that we are all looking forward to the end of lock down next week, although I imagine the Tier 2 categorisation for Norfolk is not providing families and friends much comfort. At school, we have certainly noticed that students are relishing the limited freedom from lock down that school provides.

We have been really pleased with how well the majority of Year 11 students have responded to their in class mock examinations. All students across the school have been working hard on their end of term assessments and we will aim to send home the tracking reports in the last week of term.

### **Free School Meal vouchers over Christmas**

We will be issuing free school meal vouchers for the Christmas period using the national voucher scheme provided by Edenred. If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals please use the link below to find out more information.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

In order for us to effectively and efficiently process the free school meal vouchers it is important that we have the correct email address for the parent/ carer who should receive the voucher on our system. If you have not received vouchers from us before, please check with the main school office that we have your current email address.

### **Families in Hardship**

Anyone experiencing hardship can receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which provides support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS) or if families cannot access the internet, you can call **01603 223392 (option 5)**. If the line is busy, you can leave a message and the team will call them back.

### **Parking**

Despite several requests to parents and carers we remain concerned about the number of cars that are parking along the road near the school. We had a very close near miss this week where a Year 7 child couldn't see an oncoming vehicle and stepped into the road. This was a terrifying incident for all concerned. We are working with the local council to try to improve the road safety near our school, but we would be very grateful if every parent could play their part by not parking near the school. Please use the large car park near the social club which is only a short walk for children from the school. We have been asked by the police to start to report registration numbers of cars that are parked on the yellow lines near the school and we will do so.

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### **When should students self-isolate and stay off school?**

We understand that it can be confusing to keep up with all the rules but we would like to remind parents of when your child should be kept off school. If anyone in your household develops any covid symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) **the entire household should begin self-isolation immediately** (this includes anyone in your support bubble) and the symptomatic person should seek a test. If the test comes back negative, the household isolation can stop. If the test comes back positive- the household must continue to isolate for 14 days from the first day the symptomatic person developed symptoms. This isolation must continue for other family members for 14 days, even if they have a test which is negative.

If anyone in your household has been identified as a close contact and instructed to isolate, but is not symptomatic, then only the person who needs to isolate is the person who has been instructed to. If that person then develops symptoms, the whole household must isolate for 14 days.

### **Out of school hours contact number**

If you receive notification of your child testing positive out of school hours, please ring or text **07721332592**.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes



Helen Watts  
Principal