

25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of a momentous term I would like to thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding. Although we have only recently welcomed students back to school for face to face teaching, I think we all recognise that everyone needs a break. Online learning can result in much higher fatigue than the usual classroom environment and we understand that students are tired from a long period of lockdown learning.

It has been a really positive return to school over the last three weeks. We have been truly amazed by how well students have adapted to the DFE guidance on face masks and have respected the safety measures across the school. Despite the challenges of further isolation for some students, we have really enjoyed being back together as a school community.

Additional home testing kits

We are distributing additional home test kits this week for students to use just before they come back after Easter and over the following week. We suggest that all students who are participating in home testing, ensure that they do a test on the morning of Monday 12th April, before coming to school, or the evening of Sunday 11th March. Students should then continue to test twice weekly throughout the summer term. We anticipate further test deliveries in the summer term. Please remember to report test results to track and trace and the school using the google form link below:

<https://forms.gle/P4JVEZC7XixQeJ4n8>

Parents of currently isolating students may wish to collect additional test kits from the school office.

Reporting a positive test result

If your child tests positive on a home LFD test, please seek a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible. It is important to notify the school as soon as you receive a positive test result on a LFD test as the school is obliged to begin contact tracing even before this has been confirmed via a PCR test. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the student and their close contacts should self-isolate. **If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.**

If you need to report a positive test result to school, please email hwatts@acle.norfolk.sch.uk or ring the out of hours Covid number- **07721332592**

Easter reporting for contact tracing- If your child tests positive either Friday 26th, Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th March- please contact me on the above number as I will need to notify close contacts as a matter of urgency.

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Reminder of suggested home testing schedule

	Monday 22 nd March	Tuesday 23 rd March	Wednesday 24 th March	Thursday 25 th March	Friday 26 th March	Saturday 27 th March	Sunday 28 th March
Home test	10, 7 & 8	11 & 9		10, 7 & 8	11 & 9		
Easter holidays	Monday 29 th March	Tuesday 30 th March	Wednesday 31 st March	Thursday 1 st April	Friday 2 nd April	Saturday 3 rd April	Sunday 4 th April
	10, 7 & 8	11 & 9			10, 7 & 8	11 & 9	
Easter holidays	Monday 5 th April	Tuesday 6 th April	Wednesday 7 th April	Thursday 8 th April	Friday 9 th April	Saturday 10 th April	Sunday 11 th April
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Year 11 Assessment information

Information regarding the assessment process has been shared with students and parents this week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessment process, please liaise with the subject teacher or Head of Department.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme of online activities are now confirmed and here is a suggested timetable to help you plan your Easter Holidays. There are a variety of activities available to keep teenagers interested and busy during the holidays from cooking sessions to science experiments, art projects to fitness!

Simply click on each activity to find out more information and book your child's place on the live activities. For more information on all the activities go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Changes after Easter

Paying for lunch

Following a request from Norse, we will be moving back to a cash system at break and lunch time and **students can purchase food on the day without needing to pre order**. We will no longer be using the pre order service via Scopay for meals at lunchtime. Any students that have accrued credit on their Scopay account can use this accrued credit to pay for lunch. This information will be passed on to the kitchen team and students can choose to pay with accrued credit rather than cash on the day until the credit has been used. Year 11 students will be able to access hot meals via the snack hut and all other years will use the canteen at their allotted times.

PE kit and changing facilities

Following a reviewed risk assessment and enhanced measures we will be able to re-open the changing rooms for students use after the Easter holidays. Students should wear their normal school uniform to school every day and bring their PE kit on the days they have PE.

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Lockers

Students will be able to access lockers via the one way system at break time. Lockers are available to hire for £5 for 5 years, this hire fee is non-refundable. Year 7 students who would like to purchase a locker rental may do so via Scopay. This will be offered on a first come first served basis. Locker keys will be issued after the Easter break. If any Year 11 students no longer use their lockers, please can they hand their key back into the school office.

Coats in lessons

Over the colder months we have allowed students to wear coats in lessons as we have needed to maintain ventilation. As we move to warmer periods we would ask that students do not wear their coat in lessons and ensure that they come to school with their blazers.

Late Bus

The late bus will be running again after Easter for students who wish to take part in after school clubs and activities. Students must sign up for the late bus by the end of period 2 (break time) on the day they wish to use the late bus. Only students who have signed up for the late bus will be permitted to use it.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your families and enjoy the new lifting of restrictions, which will hopefully coincide with some warmer weather and chocolate!

Best wishes



Helen Watts
Principal

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