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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you once again for your continued support and the end is in sight.

I am writing today to provide some updates and information regarding some forthcoming events in school. For those who are isolating and for those who have children isolating, particularly those who have been affected multiple times, we do sympathise.

Contact Tracing

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that school will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardians of the positive case to identify close contacts. *There is further detail on this at the end of this letter.*

Sports Day

On Tuesday 20 July, we will be holding an inter-form sports day at Harvey Hadden Stadium. Students in years 9 and 10 will be at the stadium in the morning and years 7 and 8 in afternoon. We will be walking to the stadium from school and unfortunately, we cannot allow any spectators. Students will be at school for their usual lunchtime. **All students in years 7-10** should come to school on the day in PE kit with their blazer over the top. All students should come prepared with water and sun cream as we are expecting a warm day. We are really excited to be able to offer our students this wonderful event in light of the year we have had.

Year 10 Careers Day

On Wednesday 21st July, our Year 10 students will be taking part in a careers day. Unfortunately, they have been unable to take part in work experience this year so we have put together a day for them to learn about a number of occupations. Rather than being in lessons they will attend a number of talks and workshops aimed at supporting them in their decision making around their future.

BBQ Day

On Thursday 22 July, we will be having our annual barbeque. It will happen during period 3 and lunch time when students will go up to the field to enjoy a BBQ, listen to some music and engage in some fundraising activities organised by our Sixth Form. Tickets for the food are available in advance from the school canteen at a cost of £2.50. We would encourage students to bring a small amount of cash with them as there will be some fundraising activities and an ice cream van! Aside from this, the day is a normal school day therefore, we will expect all students in full uniform or PE kit if they have PE that day.

Asymptomatic Testing for September

Further to Monday's announcement by the Prime Minister on 'Moving to step 4 of the roadmap', we can confirm that Trinity School will once again be offering asymptomatic testing for all students on return to school from Wednesday 1 September onwards. Students will be given a time, before their full return, on which to attend school for testing if consent for testing has been received from parents (under 16s) or students (aged 16 and over). Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our return to school as safe as possible. The test is voluntary. If you are happy for your child to be



tested (under 16s), please fill in the online form using the link below by **6pm Wednesday 21st July**. If your child will be in Sixth Form from September, they will be sent a consent form to complete themselves. *There is further detail on this at the end of this letter.*

Testing Consent form link: <https://forms.gle/m1nzvULUFbJUMLuz6>

Return to School in September

Our return to school will require planning with school leaders over the coming days and we would ask for your patience as we consider the best way to bring students back safely at the beginning of September. We will, therefore, be in touch over the next week with more details of the testing programme for the return of each year group and the mass testing of pupils.

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 27 July will be our last day of term. We will be having lunch break in school and then coming together, virtually, for a liturgy afterwards. Students will then be dismissed from school between 1.10pm and 1.15pm, our usual bus services will be moved back to reflect this earlier finish time.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Matt Shenton
Headteacher



Asymptomatic Testing on Return to School in September

What if a student tests positive?

Participating students who test positive will be informed about their results individually and parents/ carers will also be contacted. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Positive students will need to take a further "PCR test" within 2 days. You can book a PCR test by going to [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a drive-through or walk-in test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test. During this time, while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email), they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you have to follow the latest guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

They will be able to return to school and resume their activities as normal. A student will only be told if they test positive on a lateral flow device, so if you do not hear otherwise you can assume it was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or visiting [NHS Test & Trace website](#)



Changes to Contact Tracing in Education and Childcare Settings

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

The following sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

Contact tracing

1. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.
2. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).



Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

1. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.
2. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.
3. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, education and childcare settings have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.