



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you for all the positive comments and support from the community when we found out early yesterday morning that we had our first positive Covid-19 test result. I am glad to say that pupil is feeling much better even though they now are facing a 14-day isolation, as per Public Health England guidance, alongside their tutor/learning group and close friendship group. All students have access to remote learning. Those with free school meals will be supplied with a hamper of food and anyone without a device to access the remote learning will be supplied with one.

I do apologise for the length of yesterday's communication, but Public Health England rightly insisted that a reminder of all procedures and appropriate links were embedded in the letter. Please do use them if you are at all unsure.

We have made a few changes to our procedures at school after a week of routine with the pupils. These changes you or the pupils may have already benefitted from and they are:

- The vehicle gate will open at 7.40am to avoid congestion on Cooks Lane
- The pedestrian gates will open at 7.45am to avoid pupils having to wait outside the school gates.
- The vehicle gate will reopen at 2.40pm to avoid congestion on Cooks Lane.
- Main foyer door will be open as an exit at the end of break, lunch and school to reduce the footfall going through A Block ground floor. Pupils can join the one-way system when exiting the foyer.

As from Monday:

- ❖ **All students will arrive in full uniform every day** - if they have PE they will need to bring this with them in their bag on the day. This is because we have employed extra cleaning staff and, because of the excellent facilities, will rotate changing rooms between the sports hall/gym and the pavilion. No year group will follow another year group into a changing room, and they will be cleaned immediately after pupils have vacated.
- ❖ D-Block at the start of the day (8.20am) through to 8.30am will have two entrance points. Tull college will enter the main entrance of D Block and the college will enter the fire doors at the bottom of the stairwell nearest the vehicle gate.

Though it is not mandatory, I urge all to wear a face mask, of plain design in communal areas, unless medical conditions to not allow and I reinforce to need wash hands regularly and use the sanitisers which are readily available at the entrance to all rooms.

Please do remember the full PE kit and not an interpretation of it. The PE staff will be giving sanctions to those who do not have the correct kit. A reminder that phones should be turned off at the gate and put in a bag. The school has a no phone policy. Please also remind pupils of small gold and silver ear-rings and no diamond like ear decoration. Chewing gum is also prohibited.

Thank you again for the very positive and no matter what is thrown at us and the decisions around us we will always act in the interest of the school community and safety comes first.

Yours sincerely

Darren Turner

Executive Principal