

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wish to bring to your attention some information pertinent to the coming weeks:

Covid Mitigations

Covid mitigations remain in place in secondary schools for the foreseeable future. The mitigations currently in place will remain and this includes the wearing of face coverings. We distribute hundreds of masks on a weekly basis and it would be helpful, and have less of an environmental impact, if our young people can continue to be reminded and supported to bring their own face covering, particularly the reusable type. Furthermore, all pupils should still be encouraged to take twice-weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests to reduce the risk to everyone.

Parents' Evenings

In addition to the ongoing Covid mitigations, we are still discouraged from having normal face to face parents' evenings prior to Christmas. This currently affects three of our parents' evenings planned for the coming weeks:

- 16 November - S4 Parents' Evening
- 23 November - S5/6 Parents' Evening
- 07 December - S1 Parents' Evening

In discussion with the Parent Council and teaching staff we have investigated several different alternatives. Rather than postpone the evenings until later in the session, and potentially only delaying the risk of future issues, we have agreed to trial online video meetings, which will allow teachers and parents/carers to meet face to face. To facilitate this, we plan to use the company, www.parents-booking.co.uk.

I will shortly be in touch with the parents/carers of S4 pupils to provide more details in how they can access the website and book online appointments for the forthcoming parents' evening. In the meantime, demonstration videos are available for everyone to view from the Parents Booking website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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