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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support over the past few weeks. The term has started well, and we are really proud of every student and how they have responded to their learning. I wanted to write to you with some key updates this week as there have been a lot of local and national announcements this week.

Lateral Flow Tests

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic is not quite behind us yet and our Academy community is no more immune to this than anywhere else. In the first few weeks since we have returned to school, we have had at least one case in each year group. With this in mind, I would just like to emphasise the need for students to continue using the Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. Ideally, this would occur on a Sunday night and Wednesday night with any positive cases leading to you booking a PCR test with the NHS.

Covid 19 - Vaccinations for Students 12 – 15

As you may be aware, the Government has announced that all 12–15-year-olds are eligible to be offered vaccination against Covid-19. These vaccinations are voluntary and, whilst they will be given in school, the process will be managed by Public Health England and the NHS in line with other vaccinations offered to young people. As soon as we have further information, we will pass this on to you, as I appreciate parents and students may have questions. We will continue to follow the advice of the NHS and Public Health England throughout this process and, as a school, our approach will be in line with the guidance we receive from them.

Attendance Procedures

A reminder that all student absence must be communicated through our school absence line 01228 822070 no later than 8:15 am. If your child has any of the three covid symptoms, please specify this in the call so we can code students appropriately. Next week, I will be sending out more information on our new school attendance policy in line with changes to DfE legislation.

Homework

This week we have finalised our homework procedures and systems ready for the new academic year. Mr Dyer will be writing to parents next week and communicating how the new system works as well as how you can support your child with their learning.

Thank you again for your continued support. Next week is another busy week at Central with our Open Evening on Wednesday evening. Thank you in advance to all of the student volunteers helping with our Open Evening.

I do hope you have a great weekend when it comes and that our Year 11 cohort 2021 enjoy their prom this evening.

Yours faithfully

Dan Markham
Principal



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