



# Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Lateral Flow Tests**

This week we have finalised our preparations for our lateral flow-testing centre within school. If a pupil tests positive for COVID 19, using a PCR test, close contacts of that pupil will be sent home. There are then two alternatives. Pupils can return to school and partake in a daily lateral flow test for 7 days. Whilst the test returns a negative result, the pupil may remain in school. However, if the test result is positive then the pupil will need to go home and have a confirmatory PCR test, isolating whilst waiting for the result.

If you do not want your child to have daily lateral flow tests, then they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from their contact with the pupil who initially had the COVID 19 positive test. Tests will only be given to pupils whose parents sign an informed consent which will be provided to you by the school.

Once the school fully reopens, this facility will be available to all. At the moment, it is only available to children who are attending school.

## **GCSE and A Level Exams**

Since last week, Gavin Williams, the Secretary of State for Education, has written to the Chief Regulator of Ofqual, sharing his thoughts on how GCSE, A Level and Vocational Qualification grading will happen in the summer. There are no firm proposals on how this will happen as of yet. However, there will be a consultation lasting two weeks to determine the process. One of the procedures the Secretary of State would like to explore is the possibility of providing externally set tasks or papers to support assessment. My advice to Year 11 and 13 pupils remains the same as that shared in assemblies last week. Pupils should remain engaged with online learning, attending all lessons and completing the coverage of the curriculum. This not only prepares them for their next steps but it also prepares them for any assessment that may form part of the recommendations coming from the consultation process. I know it is frustrating that we do not have the clarity needed to share definitive processes with pupils. We will let you know what is being decided on a national level as soon as we can.

Year 11 and 13 are dealing admirably with the situation showing resilience and determination. As always, please do contact us if you have concerns about how your child is managing lockdown. We will do our best to support any individual needs.

## **Remote Learning**

We have been really pleased by the levels of attendance and engagement in remote learning. Pupils are following their normal timetable with slight amendments and should always register at the beginning of the lesson. Pupils will be welcomed into the session by their teacher. The only time this will not routinely happen is for core PE and Personal Development. Work for these lessons can be found on the school website. Teachers of PE and Personal Development are supporting the learning of children within school.

As of next week staff will be accessing continuing training on the delivery of remote learning. This will take place on a given but different teaching period each week. This means that for one lesson each week, work will be posted on Classcharts and your son or daughter will not be required to register for that lesson. For the majority of pupils next week this will be period 5 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. The following week it will be Tuesday period 5 and will follow a pattern of advancing a day each week we remain in lockdown.

Part of the benefits of live teaching is the opportunity it gives for discussion and questioning. If at all possible, please can you try and ensure that your son or daughters' device has a microphone. Pupils should also have access to a pen and paper or exercise book to complete work in.

I hope you and your family remain well and safe.

With best wishes,



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