

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has written to all secondary school and college parents and guardians in England to talk about the importance of regular testing when it comes to keeping Covid-19 out of the classroom. As you are aware, yesterday we had confirmation of a Year 9 student testing positive with Covid-19, which in turn has meant over 50 students in that year group are now self-isolating for 10 days. His message has never been more important:

The Prime Minister announced on 14 June that step 4 of the roadmap would have to be paused for up to four weeks because of the spread of the new variant.

With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to continue regular testing in order to detect cases of coronavirus, stay ahead of the virus and keep covid out of the classroom.

This means that regular asymptomatic testing for all will continue, and we need you and your children who are in secondary school or college to carry on testing at home, twice a week.

As you know, testing has been playing a vital role in our response to the virus. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country.

I want to thank you all for your efforts so far. I know that this has been an enormously challenging time for families, who have faced many pressures over the past 18 months. Your continued support in helping us fight the virus has been vital.

Secondary pupils and college students, households and their bubbles, along with school and college staff have now completed more than 50 million tests since these were introduced back in January. That really is an incredible number and we need you to continue your efforts.



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It is wonderful to see so many children back in school and through your actions we can work together to keep everyone safe ensuring we can also keep your children in school with their friends.

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP Secretary of State for Education

With the rise of Covid-19 cases in young people, I have taken the decision to strongly recommend the reintroduction of wearing face masks in indoor spaces, where space for social distancing is limited. We will continue with face masks in the school restaurant, extra sanitising, one-way systems and ventilation across the school. We are also limiting face to face external meetings and events for the rest of this term.

If your child is awaiting exam results this summer, please remember to use the link below which may answer any questions you or your child may have about the grading process and what to do if you have concerns: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/09/exam-appeals-what-can-i-do-if-i-think-my-grade-is-wrong-how-do-i-appeal-what-will-happen-if-i-appeal-your-questions-answered/>

I just wanted to make you aware, too, that if you would prefer to have a more positive environmental approach to clothes, there is a Banbury Facebook school uniform exchange group:

<https://www.facebook.com/BanburyUniformExchange/>

What a great idea for clothes to get an extra life and not just get added to our landfill sites. The charity The Banbury Bluecoat Foundation also supports local families with school uniform:

<http://opencharities.org/charities/309191>

Of course, there is still the option to buy from our second-hand uniform shop here at school, ready for the September start.

Lastly, yesterday we said a more formal goodbye to our outgoing Year 11s at their 'stand down' afternoon and what a great event it was! Staff and students really seemed to appreciate the fun element; video, prizes and a great BBQ organised by Mr Holloway, alongside the more serious photo opportunity, which will be a fantastic memento for all. Thank you very much to Mr Rafferty for all his hard work and energy to make this event very memorable; a real feat in these times.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School