

Our Ref: SLT/FSC-1803WSL

Thursday 18th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a subdued week in school this week, with 164 students and five staff in the position of having to self-isolate. After such excitement about welcoming everyone back, this has been a disappointing position to be in.

Students who have to self-isolate will still receive work to be completed through the Google Classroom and some staff have been trialling delivering the lesson live when they have the rest of the class. This has been a huge learning curve for us over the past few days, but we continue to try and find ways that we can provide high quality education to every student.

Testing has continued this week and our staff have now completed over 3,780 tests since they began this process; a huge achievement and we continue to be immensely grateful for the role they play in keeping our community as safe as it can be during these times.

This week will mark the end of the Covid-19 testing programme in school. This responsibility will now transfer to parents, who now begin to take Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests twice weekly in their home. We request that a test is taken **every Sunday evening after 5pm and before 6pm** where possible, to pick up any potential transmissions prior to returning to school each week. We then advise that another test is taken on **Wednesday evening, again before 6pm**. This will then allow time for close contacts to be identified and spoken with the same day in the event of a positive result. You do not need to report every test result to us. **You only need to report positive test results**. You can do this by emailing: admin.baysgarth@baysgarthschool.co.uk as soon as possible.

Students who are currently in school will be given their testing kits this Friday afternoon, so we ask that they bring a bag to school tomorrow. Students will attend a short tutor period in the last 15 minutes of the school day on Friday. Here, they will be given enough testing kits to last until they return after the Easter holiday. Students do not need to continue testing themselves over the Easter holidays, but must take an LFD test on the Sunday evening (18th April) before returning to school.

For those students who are currently self-isolating, the kit can be collected from the school, from Cemetary Way in Scunthorpe or the Humber Bridge car park in Hessle (both are open 1pm-8pm and you don't need an appointment), or you can have them delivered to your door. You can find the details on [how to order here](#). These need to be carried out the day before students are due to return to school. Again, can we politely request that tests be carried out **before 6pm** at home.

Students will be familiar with the process now, but further guidance on how to administer a home test [can be found here](#).

School does not need to be informed of a negative result, only if the test returns a positive result. In this case, the student should remain at home and book a confirmatory PCR test. All members of the household will need to isolate as well.

As always, there are things to look towards and to celebrate. This week we received notification of the BTEC Music results, which were outstanding. The hard work and dedication of Ms Hallet

has seen all the students achieve fabulous results for their exams. Congratulations to all our Year 11 Music students!!

Our Year 11 students have settled back into routines well and are hard at work in completing the work necessary for the teacher assessments this year. To support this, all Year 11 students have been sent a Google Form in relation to their statement of entry. Students must check this, complete and submit the form by **Monday 22nd March**. This will make sure we have the right entries for students so please check with your child they have completed accurately.

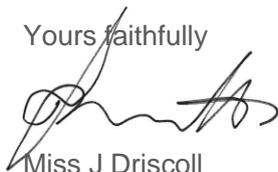
Our Year 8 students were looking forward to starting their Options process this year, which has suffered delays due to restricted opening. We are now ready to start that very important process with students, starting with our Options Fair on **Friday 19th March**. A separate correspondence will be sent to parents and carers of this cohort on Monday to outline in further detail, the Options process and information about each subject on offer. It's an important time for our Year 8 students, so please take the time to talk to them about their career plans, aspirations and what pathways they may be considering.

Today and tomorrow, four of our students are taking part in a Your Europe Your Say conference. Originally, three students were due to travel to the European Parliament in Brussels to represent the entire country, however, due to lockdowns and travel restrictions this event had to be rescheduled and is being held remotely this week. The conference will discuss and address the issue of climate change and students will be asked their ideas for ways to tackle, reduce and hopefully eliminate the issue for future generations. We are incredibly proud of all the students involved and you can watch their efforts on this evening's Look North show.

As you will know from last week's letter, we are having a major focus on attendance. Attendance over the last two weeks has been much improved on the weeks leading up to Christmas, when we were last fully open. It is frustrating that we have had to ask a large number of students to self-isolate, but we are able to use an attendance code on our registers for these students, which ensures that their attendance score is not affected. We have given out over £150 in rewards vouchers and over 5,000 house points linked to attendance since we have reopened. Students self-isolating have also been awarded daily House points to ensure that they are not unfairly affected by their absence. Over the remaining two weeks of this term, House points will continue to be awarded and attendance spot prizes in the form of high street vouchers will be handed out. Your child has to be in school, to be in with a chance to win.

Take care, stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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