



“Believing is Achieving”

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

COVID-19 Cases in School

During the pandemic, we have had very few cases of COVID-19 in school which has led to groups of students having to isolate for 10 days. However, this is a major concern for parents when their children have already spent so long out of school. Unfortunately, there is very little we can do about this and whilst the home testing means more positive cases may well be discovered, at least we know far more about the asymptomatic cases than we did previously. Unfortunately, not all parents are testing children at home and because this puts us all at risk of contracting and spreading coronavirus, from next week we will revert to testing all pupils on-site. However, I request that parents continue testing their child at home at least twice a week for the foreseeable future.

This week one particular student tested positive for COVID-19 after testing at home but subsequently received a negative result from their confirmatory PCR test. In these cases, Walsall Public Health informed us that we must trace all close contacts in school straight away and send them home as soon as is possible. We can then invite students back into school if the PCR test is negative. This procedure is frustrating, but we have no option but to follow it. Please remember to report any positive home test results to us immediately and ensure your child has a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible afterwards.

I'm very pleased to inform you that the recent positive lateral flow test is now invalid because the PCR test proved negative. This means that Year 10 & several Key Stage students are not required to isolate and can return to school on Monday 26th April 2021.

Kind regards

Stephen Pritchard-Jones

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