



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Covid-19 Update

On Monday 14 June 2021, the Government announced that Step 4 of the national roadmap to remove Covid-19 restrictions is to be delayed until at least 19 July 2021 whilst it assesses the data and gathers further scientific evidence following the rollout of the vaccination programme. The Government has given a clear message that the next 4 weeks are critical in the fight against Covid-19. In line with the Department for Education guidance issued to schools, I wanted to let you know that we will be maintaining our current Covid-19 protection measures as per the Risk Assessment until the end of the academic year.

For students, this includes:

- retaining the current timetable, with existing lesson times, staggered breaks, lunches and dismissal times to keep year-group bubbles separate wherever possible.
- wiping down and cleaning of equipment and resources.
- regular sanitising/washing of hands.
- keeping to the one-way system in school as per the signage displayed.
- maintaining social distancing with students outside of year-group bubbles.
- keeping 2 metres distanced from staff.
- wearing of face coverings on public transport unless exempt.
- bringing a packed lunch into school. There is a limited range of food available to purchase.
- using designated toilets allocated to year-group bubbles.
- allowing students outside access to the top school field at break and lunchtimes in year-group bubbles.
- avoiding indoor assemblies.

Please can I remind parents:

- that their child should take a Lateral Flow Device test twice weekly with results recorded.
- that their child should walk, cycle or travel to school by car wherever possible and only use a bus/private taxi if there is no alternative available.
- to only use the main entrance at the front of school (Lincoln Road) if dropping off/collecting their child by car and remain in their vehicle when collecting their child. The front of school traffic management and car parking arrangements will remain in place until the end of term.
- not to enter the school buildings unless by prior appointment.

Following the national trend, there has been a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Lincolnshire schools. To date, we have been incredibly lucky in escaping this trend, but my priority has been, and will continue to be, the safety and welfare of our whole school community. It is, therefore, with great regret that I have had

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to cancel a number of planned end-of-term events, including celebration evenings, proms, end-of-year trips and transition events. Whilst I know this is a real disappointment for students, parents and staff, it is not a decision we have taken lightly and follows the Department for Education guidance to schools.

Our students and staff have coped remarkably well with all the disruption and challenges brought about from Covid-19 this year and, looking ahead, I am extremely hopeful that we can return to a normal school timetable in September with our array of curricular and extra-curricular activities, subject to Government approval.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I will write to you before the end of the academic year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Knowler', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Knowler
Headteacher