



PSH/LAS/End of Term Letter March 21

26th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. I would just like to remind parents of the a few key points over the next few months and to make clear the end of term arrangements. I would also like to thank you for your continued support during this time and commend the behaviour of students as they have returned after lock down; they have had a lot of adjustments to make in returning but have coped well. It is inevitable that we may see further disruption over the months ahead and I assure you that as a school we are following all guidelines to ensure your child is safe. We will keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

The school term ends on Thursday 1st April 2021 and as usual this will be a half day. Students will leave as detailed below:

- Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 leaving at 12pm through their respective gates
- Years 8, 9 and 10 at 12.20pm through their respective gates

As students leave, if they usually receive free school meals their canteen will be open to allow them to collect lunch:

- Year 7 – B Block Hall
- Year 11 - Canteen
- Years 12 and 13 – Library
- Year 8 – B Block Hall
- Year 9 - Canteen
- Year 10 – Library

School reopens for the summer term on Monday 19th April 2021 at the normal start time. Pupils will continue to be taught in bubbles for the summer term and as we are trying to get back to as normal as possible it may be good to repeat some key standards and expectations.

- Students will need to continue to wear face coverings whilst government guidelines recommend this I am pleased with the seriousness most students show regarding face coverings. Your child may need to bring spares if they tend to break them, please also check in the morning they have one with them.
- Those students who are home testing will be provided with additional tests too for over the Easter period and the first week back of the summer term. These results MUST be registered on the NHS site as its vital we all do our best on this issue. You have also been asked to respond once a week to school via your child's email on a form that logs with the school the dates your child is testing at home. I would ask for your support on this as the government have insisted schools keep these records. These are for internal use only.
- If your child tests positive on Friday 2nd of April 2021, Saturday 3rd April 2021 or Sunday 4th April 2021 you MUST inform the school by emailing Mr Wilson, Deputy Head Teacher, to allow the school to back trace any contacts of your child whilst at school. His email is: nwilson2@holly-lodge.org
- Uniform needs to be correct. Please contact the Head of Year immediately if there is an issue with an item of uniform. PE kit should still be worn into school on days your child has PE as changing rooms are still not in use. I would ask that they also bring their school shoes for when they are not doing PE. Wearing football boots on the way to school and round school is not acceptable as they pose a danger on hard surfaces and stairs.

- Can I stress the importance of lanyards and ID cards-being worn and again if they need replacing please inform form tutors.
- Students need to be on time to school as gates close on time, particularly at the back of school on Marshall Street, where if they are late they are then even later as they then are having to walk round to the front gate. This gate closes at 8.45am.
- Please keep safe over Easter and continue to follow Government guidelines. If your child is unwell, showing COVID symptoms, be sure and get them tested.
- Should a family member be tested or is booked for a test, then students should remain at home until that result shows that it is negative. Should any family member test positive students should not come into school and isolate for 10 days as per Government guidelines.

Schools have to gather and moderate examination results this year due to the absence of external examinations. To this end the school will closed for students for a day to allow this to happen on **Friday 28th May 2021**. This will be a day where no online or remote teaching will take place as staff are working in school on the awarding of grades for qualifications.

Can I once again thank you all for your support over these difficult times and wish you and your families a safe Easter.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Shone
Headteacher