

09 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely break and managed some quality family time, given that some of the COVID restrictions have been lifted and the sun has been shining. I am emailing to share with you that there have been no new updates from the government regarding staggered school days, year group bubbles or the wearing of face coverings within lessons. As such, at the present time, all current measures associated with Covid-19 that have been in place last term will continue.

Can we thank parents/carers for their support in the conducting of Home Testing, as we have a staggering 96% of our students complete this twice weekly, which is allowing for early identification and ensuring our school and local community stay safe. **Polite reminder that all students should test on Sunday 11 April after 3.00pm, before their return to school on Monday 12 April.** Parents should still report any positive results of the test to the school although due to the Easter break, the school will not need to conduct Track and Trace.

Government's advice about Lateral Flow Testing has been updated last week, and we now need to Track and Trace based on the LFT results. Should the LFT show that your child has a positive result from a home testing kit, they **MUST** self-isolate, as must their close contacts and other members of their household, in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance whilst awaiting the PCR result. You should inform the school via the Form link here [Hungerhill School - COVID-19](#) via the website immediately and book a PCR test to confirm this result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the student can return to school, and their close contacts, who we will notify upon receiving confirmation of the negative PCR test, can end their self-isolation.

Please can we stress that when following up on a positive result, we are finding an increasing number of close contacts being reported through 'social time'. We must stress the **governments 'rule of six'**. Students should be limiting the group sizes they are gathering in when journeying to and from school, during breaks/lunchtimes and out of school. We will continue to reinforce this in school and when receiving notification of a positive result will ask students for the details of up to 5 of their close social contacts from the previous 48 hours who will be informed of the requirement to self-isolate along with others identified through classroom contact.

Please can I also remind parents of our EAGER expectations, outlined in the letter circulated on 26<sup>th</sup> March and launched with students via assembly prior to the Easter break.

**E** have high **Expectations** of yourself- *all students take responsibility for their actions.*

**A** with a smart **Appearance** - *all students wear the school uniform smartly & with pride.*

**G** adopt **Good** routines - *all students attend all lessons on time, fully equipped and follow class routines.*

**E** **Engage** in our learning - *all students are to be active participants in their learning.*

**R** show **Respect** for all - *all students show respect to their peers and all adults.*



In relation to student appearance, we feel that since our return from the most recent lockdown that these standards have slipped slightly and want to take this opportunity to address this. **Hoodies are not permitted;** school shoes must be worn (except on PE days – see below) please see the school website if you are unsure of any of the uniform expectations.

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=66>

The PE curriculum switches to its summer programme after Easter, meaning that weather permitting all lessons will take place outdoors. We will therefore be implementing some changes to the uniform expectations on PE days. From Monday 12 April, students should continue to attend school in full school uniform on all days when they do not have PE lessons.

**On PE days** – Given the nature of the activities being taught and the expected improvements in weather there will be refinements made to what can be worn on PE days.

#### Upper body

Only white polo shirts are permitted (red rugby shirts and school branded tracksuit tops may be brought to wear in lessons on cooler days). Only additional layers permitted are the school V-Neck jumpers. Blazers are to be worn

#### Lower body

Students will be able to choose from one of the three options below. Please note – no tracksuit bottoms are permitted for general wear around school at any time.

Option 1) – Shorts and trainers or,

Option 2) - Attend in school trousers (no tracksuit bottoms), school shoes and change to shorts/trainers for PE lesson

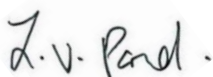
Option 3) - Appropriate black sports leggings. Shorts may be worn over the top.

A blazer must be worn upon arrival and throughout the day unless permitted to be removed by a member of staff.

We look forward to being able to reward and praise the majority of our students who display the EAGER expectations on a daily basis.


Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the staff who have been involved in Easter College, Year 10 Mock catch up sessions and Year 11 TAG catch up sessions which have run this week, the school is very grateful for them giving up their time over the holidays to work with our students.

Yours sincerely



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