



18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another half term I would just like to take the opportunity to update you on some important issues across the school.

Advance information about exams, summer 2022

As previously mentioned, the exams have been adjusted this year to make them more easily accessible for learners because so much time has been lost due to COVID-19. Exam boards have directed teachers to focus on specific areas of the course and have also stated aspects of their courses that will not be directly assessed. This information can be found in the attached document or the link below.

[Link to advance information](#)

If you experience any difficulty accessing information please contact the relevant head of department or Mr Arnall, arnullj@uptonhigh.co.uk

Please rest assured that your child's teachers are working hard to amend their teaching plans to take into account these changes.

COVID-19 Update

Following my earlier letters in the term, we have seen a significant drop in cases across the whole school. Whilst there are still a small number of cases in each year group we will continue to monitor the situation and communicate directly with you. If there are any changes to the COVID rules and / or expectations over the holidays I will as always keep you informed.

It would be useful if you could continue to inform the school of any positive cases of COVID where learners will be isolating at the start of the new term. You can do this using the head@uptonhigh.co.uk email address.

Vaccinations Update

Further to the recent reminder, these will take place on Monday 28 February and Tuesday 1 March. The deadline closed on Thursday 17 February. However, you can still get a vaccination for your child by other means: call the Children's Centre on 01244 397470. They will be able to advise on where to get the vaccination and answer all other clinical queries you may have.

Building Work

Many of you will be aware that we have embarked on a programme of significant refurbishment in the school. This term we have continued to replace the windows in the main block of the school and after the holidays the hall, gym and changing rooms will all have new windows. We are committed to continue to develop the school site so that learners have a learning environment they can thrive in and be proud of.

Local Authority Household Support Fund.

As the forthcoming half-term approaches, eligible families should once again check e-mails carefully for Tesco e-vouchers (£35 per student in receipt of Free School Meals).

Parent Bulletin

The half term parent bulletin is attached.

I hope that you and your families enjoy the half term and I look forward to welcoming all our learners back to school on Monday 28th February 2022.

Yours faithfully

L Cummins