



Learning to shape the future

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you are all enjoying the half term break. I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements for the return to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Over the holidays we have continued to receive notification of a small number of positive cases across all year groups. Please continue to let the school know of any positive cases via the head@uptonhigh.co.uk email address.

As we return to school on Monday we would appreciate all learners testing, using a Lateral Flow Test, before coming into school. This will help prevent any asymptomatic cases in school.

In terms of arrangements for the start of term the following points update our plans for the start of term:

1. To help us control the spread of COVID 19 please ensure that your child does not attend school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms.
 - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has any of the above symptoms, please do not send them to school and inform the school of their absence. Learners will then need to undertake a PCR test prior to returning to school.

2. One of the most important measures is ensuring that everyone is undertaking two lateral flow tests (LFT) a week. Should your child receive a positive result from the LFT test then they should undertake a PCR test.

I would also like to remind you of a change for testing where learners have been identified as a positive contact by track and trace. This change is explained below.

We (Public Health) are now making the general recommendation that if one individual in a household tests positive, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

- *Take a PCR test (ideally on Day 3-5 after first exposure), and*
 - *Take a daily LFD test for 10 consecutive days from the date of first exposure*
 - *Continue to attend school provided that their test results (PCR and LFD) are negative*
 - *Self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test if any of their test results are positive*
 - *In the event of a positive LFD test result, obtain a confirmatory PCR test*
 - *If the confirmatory PCR test is taken within the two days following the positive LFD result and PCR result is negative, the young person can return to school/college.*
3. Face coverings are no longer required at this time by Public Health. This measure will be under review at the start of term. Obviously, we would still support any learner who wishes to wear a face covering at any time on the school site.
 4. The Engage@Upton activities will be delivered in separate year groups for the first two weeks of the half term. This will have some impact on the range of activities. We will look to ensure that this impact is minimal. The timetable of activities will be circulated on Monday.
 5. We will be returning to remote assemblies for the first two weeks of the half term.

By implementing the above measures we hope we can continue to protect the attendance of learners to school and minimise the number of cases of COVID in school.

Should your child need to remain at home as a result of testing positive I have added a reminder of how to access the remote learning that is provided by the school. This is provided at the end of this letter. This information has not changed and is just a reminder.

As you will be aware the vaccinations programme is starting in Upton-by-Chester High School on Wednesday 3rd November 2021. A number of parents have contacted me regarding how they would access the vaccination if their child is absent on the day or has received a positive test result in the previous 28 days. I have asked the school vaccination service to respond to this question and as soon as I have clarity on this I will let you know.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to welcoming all learners back to school on Monday 1st November and sharing the term ahead.

As always your support is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Lee Cummins

Guidance regarding remote learning : Reminder.

As you will be aware, if a learner tests positive for Covid-19 they will be required to self-isolate. If learners are self-isolating, and well enough to complete schoolwork, they will need to access the work via Google Classrooms. Teachers will upload each lesson's work onto Google Classroom with instructions for completion. Learners that are well enough to complete work are expected to follow their normal school timetable during the remote education period. For example, if a learner has Maths period 1 on Monday, they should log in to their Maths Google Classroom and complete the set work at that time.

If you are experiencing issues with logging into school email accounts or Google Classrooms, please see the links below.

Please note, many of our staff may only be able to provide feedback and set lessons outside of school hours. To prevent disturbance, due to notifications being sent to guardians and learners, please either turn off the notifications on Google Classroom and /or ensure devices are switched off.

Notifications can be switched off by:

In each learner's Google Classroom click the 3 grey bars in the top left of screen

Scroll down to settings

Turn off all notifications

Email accounts and Google Classroom access

We use Microsoft Outlook for our email services, you can access

at <https://outlook.office.com/>

We use Google for Classroom accessed at <https://classroom.google.com/>

Both these links can also be found at the top of the School Website

How to manage work set on Google Classrooms

This video will talk learners through several features of Google Classroom

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X7qK6eTgrm4hqS-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X7qK6eTgrm4hqS-0XFb0PpJ7WR78Z2Yf/view?usp=sharing)

[0XFb0PpJ7WR78Z2Yf/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X7qK6eTgrm4hqS-0XFb0PpJ7WR78Z2Yf/view?usp=sharing)

How to receive updates on work set for learners - Guardian Invitations to support at home

Please do contact bradburye@uptonhigh.co.uk if you have any further issues regarding remote learning.