



28th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final update of this half term. I do hope you and your family are well and looking forward to a well-deserved break next week. As we continue to experience a relaxation in Government measures, we must also continue to follow all advice to keep each other safe.

Home Testing over Half Term

Thank you for all your help with home testing. Please continue to support your child complete their test on Monday and Thursday morning and you must report the result to the [NHS](#). If the LFD result is positive you must immediately seek a PCR test. Over the holiday period we will not be emailing a link to the survey for you to inform the school of your result. However, you must still notify school if your child receives a positive result.

Reporting a positive case over Half Term

In the event you receive a positive result from either your LFD or a PCR test, then please inform the school immediately using c19@smhs.staffs.sch.uk with the following details:

1. Your child's full name and teaching group
2. Your name and contact number
3. The date their symptoms commenced (if they had any)
4. The date of the confirmed positive test
5. Potential contacts including the names of friends who your child walked to and from school with, and who they socialised with at break and lunch time.

The inbox for this address will be checked at 10.00am for the first few days of the holiday in line with Government guidance. Please be aware that during the holiday period the school office phone, along with any messages left on the answer phone, will not be monitored. Office staff will be available to respond to any messages by phone from Monday 7th June 2021.

If we receive notification of a positive LFD result where the pupil has been attending school in the two days prior to testing positive, we will be required to trace close contacts who will need to follow self-isolation guidance for the required period. Similarly, if a pupil develops symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss of taste and/or smell) within two days of attending school and subsequently tests positive having had a PCR test, we will be required to trace close contacts. Please remember that the LFD home test kits should not be used if you have one of the three main symptoms for COVID-19. If anyone is displaying any of the three main symptoms they must seek a PCR test through the [NHS](#).

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The new half term starts on Monday 7th June 2021 and pupils should arrive at their usual start times and enter the site through their established entry points. As usual, we do expect all pupils to be wearing uniform in line with the school [uniform policy](#). This policy also clearly explains what acceptable uniform is for PE lessons. Furthermore, only one set of stud earrings are allowed and no other visible (including facial) piercings are allowed. Please make sure that your child meets our uniform expectations on their return.

Whilst we are still required to have windows and doors open to ventilate rooms, we would recommend children wear a plain V-neck jumper under their blazer to keep warm or wear a base layer or t-shirt under their school shirt if they are cold. Furthermore, we will continue to keep children outside for breaks and lunches, unless the weather is inclement, and therefore children may wish to bring a coat with them to school. However, now the summer term is in full swing and the temperatures are increasing, we do not expect children will need to wear additional outer layers (including coats and hoodies) when they are in the classroom.

Staffordshire Police have asked all secondary schools to share a letter with you about 'County Lines'. You may have heard about this in the news or through social media. Please do not be alarmed by the information contained within the letter and leaflet – I must stress that we have not been asked to distribute this due to any specific concerns at school. In addition, colleagues in our partner services have seen a rise in reports of online bullying and incidents occurring over social media. Therefore, enclosed with this letter, is some information regarding age restrictions on social media/apps. Staffordshire Police have also provided further information about some apps that are popular with students, as well as some further sources of support and information. The purpose of sharing all this information is to inform parents about issues and give practical advice to help keep your son or daughter safe.

Next half term, we will be launching a new facility called SIMS ParentApp. This allows you to download an app to your phone that will allow you to view vital information about your child such as their timetable, attendance record, and achievement points. We hope to build the information you can view through the app as we all become more familiar with using it. This will ultimately be a great way to keep you even more updated with progress at school.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Stafford Manor High School, I would like to commend our amazing Year 11 students. They have now completed their final assessments so that the school can prepare to submit their grades to the exam board. This has certainly not been a straightforward two years for them as they completed their GCSE courses. However, they have been flexible, resilient, and committed. In trusting the school to guide them through, they have completed their GCSE's in style! We must also thank all parents and carers who have supported their child through the most challenging of times. We will continue to work with our Year 11 students through the next half term to help with their transition to the next phase of their education, and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We hope you all have a good holiday and well deserved break. Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you need any assistance.

Yours sincerely



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