

24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Positive Cases of COVID-19 / Updates**

Dear Parent / Carer

I'm contacting you with important information related to cases of Covid-19 at Airedale Academy.

We have had a number of positive cases this week in school; we have liaised with both the Department for Education and the Wakefield Public Health team to ensure that we are doing everything in line with national and local guidance.

In line with current guidance, at the time the initial positive results were confirmed, we asked close contacts to isolate. We thank our students, parents and carers for their cooperation.

We want to do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus in the community and the wider district. This is why, in line with Wakefield Public Health guidance, we are asking all parents / carers of students who have been asked **to isolate as close contacts**, to seek a PCR test at their nearest local testing site. This guidance **does not apply to students who have only had a bubble closure**.

Details of how to access testing are provided at the end of this letter. When booking, you can either state that you are a contact of someone with COVID-19, or that the local authority has asked you to get tested. This guidance **does not apply to students who have only had a bubble closure**.

I understand you may be concerned about this, but please be reassured we are writing as a precaution to reduce the spread of the virus. Whilst the risk of serious illness from Covid-19 is unlikely in children and younger adult age groups, it can still be a very unpleasant virus.

If your child tests positive on PCR, then the whole household will need to self-isolate for ten days.

Please do remember the importance of hands, face, space, and where possible meet people outside your household outside or in well-ventilated places. All adults over 18 are now able to book their COVID-19 vaccination, so please do book your appointment without delay.

Thank you for your cooperation and for playing your part in reducing the spread of the virus.

### **Face Coverings**

From tomorrow, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we will expect that all students and staff wear face coverings when they enter the school gates, whilst moving around site and in corridors and

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communal areas. Students and staff will not be expected to wear face coverings during lessons or whilst eating. This is in line with Public Health guidance due to the increased prevalence of cases in the Wakefield area. Any students arriving at school tomorrow without a face covering will be provided with one free of charge.

### **Year 10 Mock Exams**

Year 10 Mock Exams scheduled to take place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June will be pushed back to start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will be live assemblies via Google Classrooms for all Year 10 students next week as below:

Assembly Year 10 A side – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 8:30am

Assembly Year 10 C side – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8:30am

### **Live Lessons**

Live lessons will take place for all Year 10 students and for Year 8 students in 8C2 and 8C3 only. Live lessons will take place following the normal timings of our school day. Live Lessons will usually last 45 minutes and the last 15 minutes will be independent work.

#### Year 10 Live Lesson Timings

Period 1 – 8:55-9:55am

Period 2 – 9:55-10:50am

Period 3 – 11:00am-12:05pm

Period 4 – 12:35-1:35pm

Period 5 – 1:35-2:35pm

#### Year 8 Live Lesson Timings (8C2 and 8C3 only)

Period 1 – 8:55-9:55am

Period 2 – 9:55-11:00am

Period 3 – 11:10am-12:05pm

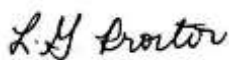
Period 4 – 12:05-1:05pm

Period 5 – 1:35-2:35pm

All other students self-isolating should log into Google Classroom and complete the work set each day.

I thank-you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully



Miss L. Proctor  
Headteacher

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## Getting a COVID-19 test

### PCR tests for Wakefield residents

Test sites are at the former Westgate Station Car Park (WF1 1XP) and Castleford Swimming Pool (WF10 5DX). These sites are open from 8am – 8pm and from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June no appointment is required (although you can book online if you prefer).

This week mobile testing units are available at:

- The King's School, Pontefract, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June – **no appointment required for this test site**
- South Elmsall Market 9am-3pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Wakefield Sports and Social Club 9am-3pm 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Hemsworth Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church 9am – 3pm 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Trinity RLFC 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Carleton Community Centre, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June

For most mobile units apart from the King's School, you do need to make an appointment. You can do this by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

[If you live in a different local authority then please visit the web link above or look on your local authority's website for advice.](#)

Please remember, if you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately [self-isolate](#). Do not leave home until you get your test results, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

### A reminder of guidance for meeting other people:

- Up to 6 people or two households can mix indoors.
- Up to 6 people or two households can stay overnight in somebody's home.
- Up to 30 people can mix outdoors.
- Hugging friends and family is allowed, but please consider the vulnerability of people you hug and the people they are in contact with

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