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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a few weeks since my last letter and in the interim period between newsletters, please see below for some updates:

Charity Days

Thank you for your continuing support in raising money for both the national and the school nominated charities. On our last charity non-uniform day we raised £660.40 for good causes. This Friday, we will be raising money for Children in Need. Students are asked to donate £1 for the privilege of attending school in non-uniform, although we would ask that clothing choices are sensible and suitable for a school environment, with no fancy dress. If students have PE on Friday, they must bring in their normal school PE kit for their lesson.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, marks the very day that World War One ended in 1918. A two-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who have died in any conflict was held. Those students who are members of cadets or other affiliated groups were encouraged to wear their uniforms for the day. More details regarding this will be published in the newsletter at the end of term.



Christmas Lunch Reminder

Tuesday 14th December - You will need to pre book if you would like a Christmas lunch for your child (there will be cold alternatives at the hut). Please order your lunch via Scopay by Wednesday 8th December. It will cost £3 per person and your child will receive a ticket after payment. Those who have free school meals will still be required to book a lunch and get a ticket but no payment will be required, however you will need to indicate that you are entitled to free school meals.

COVID Vaccinations

These will be taking place in school on Friday 26th November. Please refer to earlier communication regarding these and please ensure that all your consent forms have been completed and returned by the deadline set by the NHS if you wish your child to receive a vaccine. Please ensure that all students having their vaccination must ensure they eat breakfast on this morning. Again we ask all students to attend in their Barnwood Park PE kit on this day.

COVID testing

We have received several requests to reissue the guidance for COVID testing, isolating and communicating with the School.

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Please continue to test your child at home at least every 3 days using the Lateral Flow Test (LFT) kits issued to them by the School. If you need testing kits, they can also be collected, free of charge, from any local chemist.

If the LFT returns a positive result (i.e. indicates your child may have COVID), and/or your child is displaying symptoms of COVID then they must self-isolate immediately and arrange for a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. They must continue to self-isolate until the result of the PCR test is received. Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms.

If the test result is positive (i.e. confirms your child has COVID), then they must continue to self-isolate in line with government guidelines. If the test result is negative (i.e. confirms your child does not have COVID), then they may return to school.

The NHS is conducting Test and Trace and will notify you if your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case. All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months old, or are fully vaccinated, or have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons, they do not currently need to self-isolate whilst they wait for the PCR result.

If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFT within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

If you conduct a Lateral Flow Test at home, you must report the result to the NHS, whether positive, negative or void. This is an NHS requirement to assist with the tracking of cases locally and enables the local Health and Education teams to put in place any advice and guidance based on local need. Follow the reporting instructions in the test kit or go to www.gov.uk/report-covid-19-result

If your child has had a PCR test, NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the outcome. The school does not receive this notification, so you will need to advise us. To notify us of any absence, please contact the Attendance Office on attendance@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk on the first day of absence giving the reason for absence.

When you receive your PCR test result, please notify the Attendance Office on attendance@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk, indicating whether your child will be returning to school, or continuing to self-isolate and if so the duration of the isolation. This will ensure your child receives the correct attendance marks.

For the latest Government guidance please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

For further information on symptoms, please go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in helping us to keep cases to a minimum and thereby as many of our students as possible in school.

Road Safety

Please can you continue to discuss road safety with your child? We are still having reports of unsafe behaviours whilst riding to school on bikes and also when crossing roads. We would hate for anyone to get injured.

Thank you for your on-going support and have a good week.

Kind regards
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