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Newsletter April 1st

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing as we near the end of term and look forward to celebrating the feast of Easter. I would like to thank you all for the tremendous support I and my colleagues have enjoyed during what has been, once again, a very challenging term. With on-site testing, an extended period of remote learning and the preparation of Year 11s for their end of year assessments and exams, our community has had to pull on all of its resilience to enable us to navigate the course from Christmas to Easter. Since our return to school on March 8th, there has been a feeling of cautious optimism as Covid test results have continued to show negative and we have returned to a more 'normal' rhythm of school life. I hope that we all manage to have a restful Easter period and return to finish the school year uninterrupted. Here's hoping and praying!

School Uniform

When we return to school on Monday 19th April, the pupils will be permitted to wear our summer uniform. May I remind parents that this means that blazers become optional for all and for girls, white socks can replace black tights. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have had to relax our uniform rules to some extent and allow pupils to come to school in PE kit on the days they have the subject on their timetables. In all other respects, we are trying to maintain our high standards of uniform. I urge pupils to bear this in mind during the Easter break, so that they do not make any poor choices which may affect a smooth return to school after the holiday. With regards to hair length, that means no shorter than a number three cut. Additionally, pupils should remember that fake tan is not permitted, no haircuts should be extreme and they should acquaint themselves with the rules on jewellery.

Covid Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

During the Easter break we would like to encourage all pupils to continue to take LFTs twice weekly. Pupils have been sent home recently with enough tests to keep them going through to the return to school. Additionally, the school is required to track and trace any positive cases into the first week of our break in order to be able to inform those pupils that may be considered a close contact of the infected pupil identified. As during previous holidays, I would ask that parents email me at cho@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk if their child tests positive within the timescale described in the information for the DfE below.

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, we have asked that staff are available for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. This means that if your setting finished face-to-face education on Thursday 1 April, you should remain available for contact tracing purposes up to and including Wednesday 7 April. There is no expectation to be on-call after this point.

We have asked that staff, students, parents and carers only inform you of a positive case if either symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred within 2 days of them being at their education setting. Where this is the case, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.

Where symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred more than 2 days since the person was last at their education setting, this does not need to be reported to you and contact tracing by the education setting is not required. Where this is the case, staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Horrocks