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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed these last couple of weeks. Certainly, some sunshine and the further easing of lockdown measures has brought some optimism and the opportunity to reconnect with friends and family. And so here we are at the beginning of the summer term, looking forward to a productive and enjoyable few months with our students. Please check the information below about upcoming events this term as there may be some changes to the original calendar.

Essential Public Health Guidance

It is important to remember that whilst there is an easing of lockdown measures, we still have to follow social distancing, safety and hygiene procedures in and out of school. This is vital if we are to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and the disruption of contact tracing in the school. Our routines have not changed, so please ensure your child comes to school with the correct equipment, uniform and face mask.

Public Health have updated their guidance for schools relating to LFD and PCR testing, so please take a minute to familiarise yourself with this.

As you are aware there are 2 types of test for COVID-19. Everyone now has access to the Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) that can be administered at home. You will have been given these from school for your child. We ask that your child completes this test every week and that you submit the result.

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You can also get a PCR test if an individual has symptoms. These are sent to a lab for the results and as such are more reliable.

If your child tests positive, they will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#)
- immediately [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result whether the test was done at home or at school.
- If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and your child can return to school or college.
- However, if the PCR result comes back negative and it is after 72 hours, the individual and contacts must continue to self-isolate even though the test is negative.
- A negative antigen LFD result should not be read as a means to relax or ignore social distancing or other virus prevention measures intended to reduce transmission. The asymptomatic testing programme does not replace the government's testing policy for those with symptoms. It is an additional tool that contributes to reducing risk in schools.
- We will continue to contact trace from the point of any positive result. Our staff can provide you with further guidance if your child has a positive result.

Further guidance is available here and on our website. If you have any queries, please do contact us and ask to speak to one of Students Services team.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Summer Term Key Dates

Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 17 June 2021
Year 6 Transition Evening	Thursday 1 July 2021
Summer Holiday	Thursday 22 July to Tuesday 31 August 2021
Year 11 GCSE Results	Thursday 12 August 2021

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As ever, I would like to thank you for your support. I think the return from this latest lockdown has in some ways been more challenging for schools, but our Newfield family continue to move forward together, always committed to the well-being and progress of our young people. On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff of Newfield School who have led the school during my short period of absence. I'm thrilled to be 'back at the helm' and looking forward to our work together this term.

Yours faithfully



Emma Anderson
Headteacher