



Christleton High School

31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been a term of two halves and there is a real sense of positivity within school, heading towards the Easter break. The combination of being with friends again, exceptional weather and the opportunity to take part in sport has made a real difference to morale. We have strictly followed government guidance over the last year and we are now looking forward to unlocking as many opportunities as possible over the coming term. Mrs Stewart will be in touch soon about our after school clubs resuming and Mrs Humphries will have new information for those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We have just received updated guidance regarding school visits and we will look to identify opportunities as and when we are permitted.

As we break up today for the Easter holidays, I need to draw your attention to some news released by the Department for Education:

Free School Meals

Schools do not need to provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the Easter holidays. The government provides support with food and other essentials through the COVID Winter Grant Scheme. This scheme, run by local authorities, has operated successfully since November including over the Christmas and February half term holidays. We have been informed by the Local Authority that payments will be made directly to school and we will be forwarding these on to relevant families this week.

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

The DfE has confirmed that it is vital to continue to test at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. We have distributed enough kits to staff and students to last throughout the Easter holiday and we ask that you please do the following:

- Test twice a week at home from now on (ideally on a Monday and Thursday morning).
- Report results via [TestRegister.co.uk](https://www.testregister.co.uk) as positive, negative or void, when you will be directed to the Government website. The DfE have updated their guidance and now any positive lateral flow test must be followed up with a PCR test which can be booked at the Little Roodee Car Park.
- Test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or on the morning of the first day back, in order that we may find and isolate any positive cases.

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#) if they so wish.

You only need to let us know of a positive test outcome if the test result was within two days of being in school or if the isolation period will affect your child's return to school on Monday 19th April. The fastest way to inform the school is by emailing the details to covid@christletonhigh.co.uk If your child is unable to return to school on Monday 19th April through self-isolation, please would you send details to attendance@christletonhigh.co.uk

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Teacher Assessed Grades

On Friday, Ofqual published further detailed guidance on the process to replace GCSE, Btec and A-level examinations this summer. We are currently looking very closely at this. Ofqual have produced a document for students and parents which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.icq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson

This week, Mr Williamson wrote a letter to all young people and this can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

Summer uniform

Students will have the opportunity to wear their summer uniform next term (from Monday 19th April), consisting of a white polo shirt as an alternative to the shirt/blouse and tie. The polo shirts are available for sale from our uniform suppliers. Please follow the links within the school website. Once restrictions ease, you may wish to visit the Uniformity shop in Handbridge (see website for further details and opening times).

Travelling to and from school

We continue to receive reports of students seen cycling in an unsafe manner on the A41. One particular concern we have is that some students are crossing junctions without looking out for approaching cars. We have also had reports of two students riding a bicycle at the same time. If your child does cycle to school, please take the time to discuss with them, how careful they need to be. Students must also take care when using the canal towpath. A minority have been seen acting foolishly around the canal locks and climbing down the canal wall ladders, which is extremely dangerous.

Parental Survey

Many thanks to all those who have taken a few minutes to complete our Post Lockdown Parental Survey. If you have not yet done so, we would appreciate your responses. The survey can be accessed via the link below, and will close in a week's time (Thursday 8th April at 9.00am):

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S9HVZYV>

School Photographer

We have arranged for individual photographs of Years 11 and 13 to be taken on Monday 17th May. Although it will not be possible to have a whole Year group photograph, we will be able to produce a photograph digitally by bringing together the individual images.

I wish you a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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