



Tring School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term Head of School Update

As we come to the end of another busy term, albeit one that was completed in different circumstances, it is safe to say that we can all be exceptionally proud of the students' mature, resilient and responsible attitudes to their learning and well being over the last term and indeed the last 12 months.

In some ways, it is hard to comprehend that a year ago today we were at the end of our first week of remote learning. We were so proud of how everyone seamlessly transitioned into new ways of living and learning. We marched through each week, each term and carefully navigated our way through exceptionally turbulent times. All students have progressed and developed in many different ways over the last 12 months and they continue to surprise and delight us with their determination, adaptability and good sense of humour along the way.

It is important to remind ourselves that we are not through this storm yet and we need to remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidance. We have had three positive student cases since being back at school and therefore, the virus is still prevalent. Fortunately, the symptoms experienced by the students so far have been mild and display as a cold or a headache, as well as the more common symptom of a temperature. Please continue to be vigilant and book a PCR test if any symptoms begin to present.

A message from the Department for Education;

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

- *test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)*
- *report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country*
- *continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays*
- *test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases*

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Therefore, please can I ask that your child/ren keep up the home testing and that you also share their results with the school as soon as possible by responding to the Operoo email notifications that you will receive. The quicker we know about the result the quicker we can be in contact and limit the number of staff or students who need to isolate.

We are awaiting further guidance regarding the impact of students returning to school settings and also the use of face coverings in school. Until we receive any improved news we will maintain our current expectations with regards to face covering, home testing and wearing of the Tring School PE kit on timetabled PE days. I expect to be able to update and revise these plans by the end of the first week of the summer term.

Year 11 and 13 students have all received a letter outlining the details of optional assessments week commencing Monday 17 May 2021. Please be advised that all students in these cohorts will need to be available to return to school up until Wednesday 16 June 2021 to verify work completed.

Families will now all be ready for some well deserved and quality downtime over the Easter Break. We hope that the Spring continues to break and the sun shines.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Easter.

Sally Ambrose
Head of School