

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this update finds you well and in good health. We've had a great fortnight here at Pool Hayes Academy and it has been refreshing to see life slowly returning to normal in light of the government's announcement this week regarding the lifting of Covid restrictions. We are looking forward to the end of term and I have been proud to see students stepping up and maintaining their work rate and not slowing down before the summer. However, what we have learnt is to prepare for the unexpected and there are further restrictions that we must comply with in September regarding testing. I will outline these further below.

### September Opening

The government announced this week the ending of 'bubbles' in school and the lifting of a number of restrictions. In summary from September:

- No bubbles
- Mask wearing is optional
- Lateral flow testing to continue throughout September (this will then be reviewed)
- Students must receive two lateral flow tests at school in September

I know you will understand we are working hard to plan the logistics of this into our new academic year. I will be writing to you all next week with a detailed plan but I can inform you that students will be starting in September on a staggered approach. This is to ensure that testing is completed safely and securely. I share your frustrations over this as we have previously already altered our start of the year plans. However, we are agile and able to adapt to keep our community and your families safe as students return.

### Parking at Pool Hayes Pub

There has been a significant change to the parking measures at the Pool Hayes pub on Pool Hayes Lane. It is now a pay and display car park so please be mindful if you use this car park when dropping off and picking up your child from our academy as some parents and carers have already received fines.

### Year 11 and 13

In the next few days you will receive an email from Mr Bradnick-Thompson outlining the appeals process and results days. As a reminder, Year 13 results day will take place on 10th August and Year 11 results day on 12th August. Please see Mr Bradnick-Thompson's email for details.

### Lateral Flow Testing and Covid 19

Can you please continue to support us with ensuring your child takes a lateral flow test every Sunday and Wednesday evening. We have had some positive cases this week. As we move into the end of term, it is crucial we support each other by ensuring your child takes a regular test. Can I also ask that the results are logged on the government website, details of which can be found in the testing pack.

Finally, as we move towards a momentous weekend for the country, I'm sure you will be watching England on Sunday night. As a (long suffering) England fan, I never thought I would ever see England in a major final. The England team is now one we can all be truly proud of and get behind and the way they have shaken off the pressure and 'history of failure' is tremendous and inspiring to us all. After the difficulties we have all faced over the last two years, I hope you enjoy the collective nature of watching the match as a family and celebrate this once in a lifetime occasion together.

Have a great weekend,

It's coming home!



**Mr T. McDowall**  
**Principal**

