



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

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Dear Parent

This week is a short letter to provide a few updates. I hope it finds you well.

Home testing has continued successfully. Next week testing kits for over the Easter break and the subsequent couple of weeks will be distributed to students. Students in Years 7 and 8 will receive these on Tuesday; those in Years 9 and 10 on Wednesday; and those in Year 11 on Friday. Teachers during period 1 of the relevant day will inform students of their collection time. Students in the Sixth Form will be able to collect their kits from the Sixth Form office during the week.

We have had a small number of positive cases in school over the past week. Parents and students are reminded that they should record results of lateral flow tests on the Form that can be accessed through MS Teams and **not** by posting in the general feed. Positive results, whether from a lateral flow or PCR test, should also be reported using the form [here](#). In accordance with government expectations, if we receive a positive result from a home test we will conduct contact tracing and direct students to self-isolate. If the confirmatory PCR test gives a negative result, parents will be informed as soon as possible that self-isolation can end for the student and that he/she can return to school that same day. It is possible that notification may be once the school/working day has started. I understand that making arrangements for your son/daughter to get to school may present a challenge for some. If this is the case, he/she can remain at home using remote learning and return the next day.

It may be necessary for parents to take leave from work in order to care for a child who is self-isolating. In such cases some parents will be eligible to claim for a government support payment of £500. Details of this scheme, including the eligibility criteria and how to claim, can be found [here](#).

Arrangements for the determination of qualification grades for this summer have continued to progress. We still await final guidance on this which will also help us to determine the best date for Years 11 and 13 to complete their studies. We anticipate confirming this after the Easter break. Students and parents have now received timetables and content lists for the mini assessments and these have been explained in detail to the students. Students should continue to work hard on their revision and preparation for the mini assessments. To support your son / daughter in this, please read the information found in [this](#) document about retrieval practice, which has many ideas that will help students to secure subject knowledge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Jones
Associate Principal