



14 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

This week has seen our Muslim students and their families celebrating Eid, following the Ramadan period which started on 12th / 13th April. We messaged them all to say Eid Mubarak and hope they had a blessed time.

You will all be aware that Monday 17th May sees the next step in the relaxation of Covid restrictions across the country. I am certain that we have all been looking forward to this day for months now. Below I will outline our response to this.

Face coverings

The government have given further *guidance* to schools regarding the wearing of face coverings in school. We have discussed this as a senior team and are going to adopt the following from Monday 17th May.

	Students	Staff
In the classroom	Face coverings need not be worn unless the individual prefers to do so	Face coverings need not be worn unless the individual prefers to do so
In the corridors during mass movement time	Face coverings MUST be worn	Face coverings MUST be worn
Outside in the open air	Face coverings need not be worn	Face coverings need not be worn

We will monitor numbers of positive cases in the Cherwell District on a daily basis and respond accordingly. If numbers increase again we may return to wearing face coverings in classrooms. If numbers decrease further we may move to no face coverings anywhere in school.

Lateral flow tests

We apologise again for the delays in getting LFT out to you all. The kits were not delivered to us on the dates specified and so we were unable to distribute them in a timely way.



Year 7 Football Activators

It has been lovely to get back to some sort of “normality” where extra curricular sport has been concerned. As a very active sportswoman I have appreciated the chance to get back to hockey and I know that the girls involved in the Football Activators programme set up by Miss Keys have been so engaged with the chance to do something different with their friends.



Trips

Next week we also see the return to trips out from our campus. Year 7 and 9 students based at Futures Institute are visiting the amazing Compton Verney next week. It is so lovely that staff have been really proactive at preparing for external visits as soon as we have been allowed to do so.

Parents' Evenings

Parents of students in Y7, 8, 9 and 10 will welcome the opportunity to engage with school staff in the second half of the summer term. Our parents' evenings for the four remaining year groups will take a slightly different form this year. Mentors will be available to meet with parents of students in their mentor groups only. These meetings will be virtual through our new online provision as this has proved incredibly popular with families. You will also be getting progress reports for your children to inform you whether they are on track in terms of meeting their targets.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 24th June Year 7 and Year 8

Thursday 8th July Year 9 and Year 10

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus