



Dane Court Grammar School Parent /guardian Newsletter



Week beginning 14 September 2020

Week A

		Year Groups		
Monday 14.09.20	Duke of Edinburgh route planning meeting 3.30-4.00	D of E		
Tuesday 15.09.20				
Wednesday 16.09.20				
Thursday 17.09.20				
Friday 18.09.20				

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year.

We plan to send this out weekly /fortnightly and it will include information updates, notices, school events, after school activities etc.

As everyone settles in to the “new normal”, may we respectfully remind parents/guardians not to park in bus lanes, on double yellow lines or block driveways when dropping off or picking up students, and to be considerate to our neighbours.

Notices

As from Monday 14 September, **all students** will finish school at 3.20

Hand Sanitiser

We would like to recommend that students bring their own hand sanitiser to school, allowing for frequent and simple application at the beginning and end of lessons and throughout the day. This will help to reduce waiting times at the hand-sanitising stations in the plazas and classrooms.

Music

Instrumental lessons will not be taking place in school during term 1 and 2. We hope to be able to welcome back our instrumental team after Christmas.

Many thanks

Ms Fox Head of Music Department

PE Department

Dane Court PE department will be holding fitness sessions for each year group for 30 minutes starting at 3:30pm-4:00pm on the field during the term. Please note the timetable is over week A and week B so we can provide fitness for all year groups in their bubbles.

Appropriate sports clothing must be worn in order to take part in all sports clubs. The usual high standards of behaviour that are expected by the PE Department must also be maintained.

Week A:

Monday - Year 7 Only - Miss Bolt
Tuesday - Year 8 Only - Mr Argyrides
Wednesday - Year 9 Only - Mr Wallace
Thursday - Year 10 Only - Mr White

Week B:

Monday - Year 11 Only - Mr Coyne
Tuesday - Year 12 Only - Miss Metcalfe
Wednesday - Year 13 Only - Mr Towe

This notice is from the Department of Education about Testing for Covid 19

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace to ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise the potential risks of spread. A key part of this is the appropriate use of testing to help identify people who are positive and subsequently their contacts. We have made testing available throughout the country and anyone with symptoms can book a test online or over the telephone through 119 to get the certainty they need to protect themselves and those around them.

Crucial to our overall support for schools and colleges is ensuring that everyone with coronavirus symptoms has access to a test as soon as they develop those symptoms. It is vital that we learn from the recent Scottish experience, where the return of schools saw a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms. We want to avoid a similar surge in test demand as England's schools and colleges return to ensure that we continue to prioritise our testing capacity for those with symptoms and to avoid children, students and their families self-isolating unnecessarily.

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Please do communicate this to the parents of the children at your school and the students at your college; we know that they listen to you and trust your advice. Can you please also share this letter with your school nurse or relevant trained first aiders. Directors of Public Health and local PHE Health Protection teams are on hand to support you on this most vital mission to get our children and students back to school and college, learning happily and safely.

If you need medical advice about your symptoms, go to:

- [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/)

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