

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week A

18 June 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should **continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home**. Test kits have been supplied to all students.

Year 11 – All students should have enough test kits to complete their tests this week. However, if they do not have enough tests please ask them to collect a new kit from the office.

Reporting results

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms.**
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience symptoms of COVID-19 your household must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive your household will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow national guidelines.

If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.

Timings of the days for next week

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week the school day will be operating on a 2-1-2 timetable, the of timings of which can be seen below.

KS3 -

P1 – 08:40 – 9:40

P2 – 09:45 – 10:45

Break – 10:45 – 11:05

P3 – 11:05 – 12:05

Lunch – 12:05 – 12:45

Mentor time – 12:50 – 13:10

P4 – 13:15 – 14:15

P5 – 14:20 – 15:20

KS4/5 -

P1 – 08:40 – 9:40

P2 – 09:45 – 10:45

Break – 10:45 – 11:05

P3 – 11:05 – 12:05

Mentor time – 12:10 – 12:30

Lunch – 12:30 – 13:10

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Year 8 Feedback form

Dear parents/Guardians,

If you attended the year 8 parents evening please can you complete some feedback using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdckFLM48ma2ZCp-kcGyiQQswU8Ao_O_P1WeZ724Urq0HnwsW/viewform?usp=sf_link

Grading 2021

Full detail of our processes and evidence for awarding grades in 2021 can now be found under the 'Parents' menu of the school website.

Dane Court Pe Kit

'Dear parents/carers,

Dane court has changed the PE kit supplier and all orders of PE kit will now go through ambition sport. If you could check your emails you will find instructions of how to do this which will hopefully make it a lot easier for you.

Many thanks
 Miss Bolt'

Online Safety advice - [Internet Safety Rules](#)



This week I thought I would provide a reminder of the top 10 Internet safety rules to follow, which will help you or your child to stay safe online.

1. Only share personal information when absolutely needed
2. Keep your privacy settings on and fully private
3. Practise safe web browsing from a reputable search engine
4. Use a secure internet connection. If you are in a public place use a VPN for added security
5. Be careful what you download. Make sure websites are trusted, check file types, scan downloads for viruses
6. Choose strong passwords
7. Make online purchases from secure sites which start with 'https' rather than 'http'
8. Be careful what you post on social networking sites.
9. Be careful who you meet online, people may not be who they say they are.
10. Keep your antivirus/antimalware program up to date and set them to routinely scan your device.

DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

HALF TERM 6

	Classroom 3.30-4.30	Field 3.30-4.30	Sports Hall 3.30-4.30	Activity Studio 3.30-4.30
Monday		Year 7 only Tennis - Dr Green (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Argyrides (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		Street Dance - Miss Bradley (FREE)
Tuesday		Year 8 only Tennis - Miss Bolt (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Miss Metcalfe (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		

Wednesday		Year 10 only Tennis - Mr White (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Wallace (FREE)		
Thursday	PE staff examinable PE meeting - M5	Year 9 only Tennis - Mr Towe (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Coyne (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		

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 retained. Wet weather may mean some clubs would need to be cancelled.

Hot Weather

The weather is now heating up so please ensure you send your child to school with a refillable water bottle for use at the fountains around school.

EU Settlement Scheme

We have been asked by The Home Office to pass on the following message to all parents, families, young people and staff. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme. However, the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application deadline is very soon - **30th June**.

It is crucial that eligible adults apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

To provide additional guidance, a very clear EUSS [leaflet](#) has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS. A set of accompanying [FAQs](#) are available too.

A list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available [here](#). Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme, where you can also find out more information about how to apply.

Sports Day Information

In line with current covid restrictions the PE department have adapted so we can hold a mini year group bubble 'Sports Days'.

Please note on some of these days the timetable will be period 1 and 2 then break. Period 3 and then lunch. After lunch period 4 and 5. This will show below where it says '2-1-2'.

Students on their set day are allowed to come into school and leave school in PE kit if they wish. A refreshment stall will be present so a small amount of cash may be a good idea. Please check the weather and ensure your child has sun cream and lots of water.

The dates are as follows:

Year 7 - Week B - Monday 5th July - period 1 and 2 - 2-1-2 day

Year 8- Week B - Monday 5th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 9 - Week B - Wednesday 7th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 10 - Week B - Friday 9th July - period 1 and 2 - normal school timing day

Many thanks

Miss G Bolt

Head of Physical Education

Deputy head of Helsinki House



Year 10 Parents' Evening

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Your response to the online Parents' Evening system has been very encouraging and is really appreciated. Teachers have been delighted to discuss your child's effort and progress over the past year. May I please take this opportunity to encourage your children to attend the meeting also! It is really beneficial for them to directly participate in this process too.

Mrs R Rolls
Assistant Head

Important dates coming up for sixth form!

22nd June at 5pm - University application evening for parents

28th June all day - Research day: IB DP students completing the extended essay, IBCP students completing the ethical project.

Year 7 Tennis Club

"Year 7 tennis club will take place every Monday after school in term 6. All standards are welcome. Please turn up to the tennis courts with PE kit and trainers. We will supply tennis rackets and balls. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Dr Green.

Also, anyone that wants a free lesson at Broadstairs or Margate tennis club should contact Dr Green and he will provide you with a voucher and details of when the lessons take place."

Boot Fairs!!

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 10 July 2021

No August Boot Fair

Saturday 11 September 2021

Look forward to seeing some of you there!
The Parents' Association

