

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

21 October 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.

Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

The letter provides information on COVID-19 testing and advises that, in response to potential outbreaks, local health teams may advise additional testing and isolation protocols at your school or college.

Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

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. Students should continue to test during the half term break, please see letter attached.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#) 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.

Please also see attached the Covid-19 Vaccination Parent Information Pack from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. This has information and links regarding the Covid-19 vaccine.

Mental Health Support

Dear families,

We have been asked to share the information below in case it is useful to you or someone you know.

Are you feeling distressed, frightened, overwhelmed, or that things are too much for you? Don't know where to turn to get mental health support? Are your usual sources of support closed? This is a free out of hours service, running 6 pm -11pm, 365 days a year, for Thanet residents aged 16 and over. No appointment or referral needed. Visit us at Thanet Safe Haven, Holy Trinity Church, St Mary's Avenue, Dane Valley, Margate, CT9 3TN or ring 07850 655 877 to make an appointment. Please wear a face covering to enter the building. To access our 24/7 helpline, call: 0800 107 0160.

Eligibility criteria: 16+, residents of Thanet District Council

Tel: 07850 655877 | thanet.mhm@nhs.net | [WEBSITE](#)

Thank you

Anita Ives

pastoral support officer

Language Linguastars!

The following students have been nominated by their teachers as linguastars this week. Well done - please see your teachers to collect merits.

Callisto M (y10 French): for always wanting to know why! A real passion for language learning.

Lola H (y7 German): Excellent attitude in class, for happily being "cold called" upon to be Mrs Birkett's partner in front of the class! Setting a great example to others.

Leo K (y7 German): Excellent participation in class and shows real determination to make improvements in his vocab learning

Adam S (y8 German): Amazing effort in the writing assessment, considering he only started German at the end of year 7.

Elliot W and Ben J (y13 Spanish): Going above and beyond to create a short screenplay full of idioms to practise vocabulary relating to food.

Rex B: (y8 German): 100% in the recent assessment on school - a fantastic achievement.

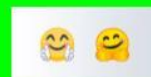
Year 8

The students in year 8 as part of their Caring theme this term are taking part in a virtual walk to raise money for Game Rangers International and the Musekese Conservation charities. They are aiming to complete a 990mile collective distance, the length of the River Kafue, and any donations that can be bought in by students will be greatly appreciated.

Food Parcels for families in need at Christmas. Please Can You Help?



The Dane Court Challenge Can we fill 50 food parcels with food and some special Christmas treats?
Please see the list of foods and place your donations in the collection points in your Year Head's Office
THANK YOU



Suitable Food to Donate for the Food Boxes: Any of these would be great.

Please make sure the food has a long life, e.g. Tins, Dried Food, Jars, Cartons, Packets, Chocolates, Biscuits. Please Do Not include fresh foods that need to be refrigerated. Thankyou



TINS

Ham * Sausages * Corned Beef* Stewed Steak * Tuna * Sardines * Pilchards * Salmon * Pate * Crabmeat * Red Kidney Beans * Black Eye Beans * Baked Beans Soup * Tomatoes * Tomato Puree * Sweet Corn * Peas * Carrots * Potatoes * Fruit * Carnation milk * Condensed Milk * Lentils * Pies * Desserts

DRIED FOOD

Rice * Pasta * Noodles * Instant Mash Couscous * Fajita Kit * Grains * Lentils Split dried peas * Dried Beans

SAUCES, SPICES

Pasta Sauces * Curry Sauce * Salsa * Curry Powder * Chilli Powder * Cumin * Cinnamon * Mixed Spice * Mixed dried Herbs * Cook-in-Sauces

DRINKS

Tea Bags* Loose leaf Tea * Fruit Tea bags * Instant Coffee * Ground Coffee Coffee * Cocoa * Drinking Chocolate * Horlicks * Fruit Juices * Soft Drinks * Cordials * Squash *

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Christmas Puddings * Selection Boxes * Sweets * Chocolate Bars * Nuts * Dates * Marzipan * Brandy Butter * Cranberry Sauce *

PACKETS

Cereals * Sugar * Flour * Dried Yeast * Dried Fruit e.g. currants, raisins, sultanas, glace cherries, apricots, prunes, dates * Nuts * Tortillas * Naan Breads * Jelly cubes

CAKES AND BISCUITS

Any biscuits * Packaged Cakes * Cake Bars * Christmas Cakes * Tins of biscuits

JARS

Jam * Honey * Marmalade * Vegemite/ Marmite * Nutella * Chutney * Pickled Onions * Red Cabbage * Gherkins * Mince meat *

CARTONS

UHT milk * UHT Fruit Juice * Custard * Instant long life Desserts e.g. creamed rice, yoghurts, chocolate desserts *

NEW BOOKS, TOYS and CRAFT ITEMS
Gifts for children



School Direct Information Evenings

Thinking of training to teach?

Primary and secondary School Direct routes into teaching with the East Kent Learning Alliance.

Book your place on one of our online information evenings:

Wednesday 1st December - 6 pm **BOOK NOW**

<https://www.ekla.org.uk/itt/school-direct>

DANE COURT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Events 2021

Quiz Night

Dane Court School Theatre
Friday 26th November 2021



Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £3.00

Doors open at 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

(price includes ploughman's supper- bring your own drinks, glasses provided)

Teams up to 8 persons per table.

To book a table please contact Mrs Lois Gadd (Maths) (Tel (or text) 07968 687415 or Email gadd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) by 4pm on Wed 24th Nov

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