

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful welcoming our students back to school this week. Staff have been so impressed with the students. You should be so very proud of your child for the focus and commitment to hard work demonstrated this week.

As we look forward to next week, there are a few very important points that we need to make sure that our parents are aware of.

1. Covid Rules in terms of attendance

The Local Authority have issued a letter regarding the changes to Covid Rules in terms of attendance and self-isolation.

Changes to self-isolation rules Under the new national arrangements, anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a positive case of Covid-19 will no longer have to self-isolate - this applies to children who are not displaying symptoms and adults who have been fully vaccinated (14 days after their second jab) and are also not displaying any symptoms. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test, as soon as possible, and anyone who tests positive will still need to self-isolate regardless of their vaccination status or age. It continues to be important that you do not send your child into school should they develop symptoms, however mild.

Asymptomatic Testing - Secondary schools and colleges will carry out two lateral flow device tests for every pupil in year 7 and above, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. Please follow the guidance provided to you by your school/college. Secondary aged pupils and college students should continue to test at home twice a week.

2. Lateral Flow testing

Students have now been given their Lateral Flow home kits.

We suggest that students routinely take the self-test twice a week on a Sunday evening before returning to school on Monday and then Wednesday evening. This will ensure a higher level of safety for everybody. When you have the result from the test, please upload the result on www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result Please inform the **school of a positive result as soon as possible via email admin@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk** and self-isolate for 10 days

3. Parent Information Evenings

Over the course of the next two weeks, each Year Group Team will be running a parental information evening, via MS Teams. The evenings will cover key aspects of school and Year specific priorities. It would be great for as many parents to log into these meetings as possible. On the day of the meeting we will

send the relevant link to access the meeting. It will run from 5pm until 6pm. Please see below the date the evening will be held for each Year group:

Year 7 – Tuesday, 14th September

Year 8 – Thursday, 23rd September

Year 9 – Wednesday, 22nd September

Year 10 – Thursday, 16th September

Year 11 - Wednesday, 15th September

4. **The car park** - The school car park is **not** designed to be a drop off or pick up zone. It is a route that students use to walk and cycle into school. We have always requested that parents **do not drive into the car park** at key times (between 8.00 to 8.45am and 2.00 to 3pm).

5. **The streets around our school** – Concerns have also been raised by local residents about parking on double yellow lines or vehicles making unsafe manoeuvres in the streets close by. We request that students make their way to school independently and are not dropped off. This way we are making the streets in our local community safer from both a road safety and an air pollution perspective.

6. **Picking students up on foot** – If you are meeting your child after school, please can we ask that parents do not wait on the school site and please wait outside the school gates.

We are all looking forward to next week and starting the week with all our students in the building.

Have a lovely weekend.

Chorlton High School

