



9th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK - I do hope you had a super summer holiday.

We were all so excited to meet the new pupils this week and look forward to getting to know them better over the coming days and weeks.

COVID Update

The guidance on COVID has changed, as you will be aware.

If anyone over 18 years and 6 months tests positive on a PCR, they should isolate but close contacts do not have to unless not double jabbed. Close contacts should immediately have a PCR. If this is positive they need to isolate.

Staff are continuing to take LFTs twice / week.

We will continue to undertake lateral flow tests (LFTs) for those pupils of secondary school age whose parents have given permission. This has been recommended by the government until the end of September.

If someone in your household or a very close contact does test positive, please could you inform school. Your child can continue to come to school unless they become symptomatic and test positive.

Condolences

Over the summer one of our pupils sadly passed away. Leo Cowper was an amazing young man who will be sorely missed by his classmates, staff and all who knew him or came into contact with him. He had the cheekiest and mischievous sense of humour and a great thirst for life. He was quite poorly towards the end of the summer term and his class sent him videos and messages to help keep his spirits up. I know from speaking to his family that he loved receiving these. It was a great shock when we found out Leo had passed. His funeral was a quite beautiful tribute to a wonderful person who taught us all about how to value each other every day with a smile regardless of what life throws at us.

Mayfield will be celebrating the life and achievements of Leo and other past pupils by creating a memory garden here in our grounds.





Parents Afternoon

We are holding a parents afternoon early in the new term where you will be given the opportunity to either chat via phone (many of you said you preferred this method of communication during lock down) or face to face on the week of 28th September 2021. This will be a chance for us to share how well the pupils have settled and to discuss their progress and any issues / concerns you may have.

Annual Reviews

Because some agencies are still not holding face to face meeting, we have taken the decision to hold annual reviews virtually until half term.

Life in School

Lakes 6

Lakes 6 have been exploring the outside area whilst practising their best walking in the sunshine.



Lakes 8

Lakes 8 have really enjoyed their first week back. We have been very busy, getting to know our new friends and making the most of the weather. We loved our walk around the Mayfield Mile in the glorious sunshine.



Yours sincerely



Sam Kidd
Headteacher