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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid restrictions update

Thankfully, we are in a lot better situation than we were last half-term both locally and nationally regarding Covid cases. It is important that we keep it that way by continuing the twice weekly testing (Sunday & Wednesday) in the short-term. If you require more LFTs for your child then please complete a quick Google Form by following this link.

<https://forms.gle/YLMFPEef3khraWk29>

I would like to clarify our position on the new guidance covering self-isolation for positive cases. Our multi-academy trust FCAT is currently maintaining a position where staff and students should still isolate for a minimum of 5 days, if they test positive. Both staff and students can return to school after 5 days if they have had two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart and have no symptoms of fever (temperature). The first of the two negative tests can be completed on the morning of Day 5 and the second on Day 6 in the morning before school. If all is ok, they can return to school on Day 6.

Year 7 start and finish times after Easter

You will be aware that we have been running staggered start and finish times for Years 7 & 11 since September to keep year groups separate and reduce transmission rates. At Christmas, we moved the Year 11 start and finish times in line with Years 8, 9 and 10. We would now like to move Year 7 in line with all other year groups from after Easter – Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Therefore, from **Tuesday 19th April** Year 7 students will **Start at 8:45am** rather than 9:00am and **Finish at 3:00pm** rather than 3:15pm. This means that all year groups will start and finish at the same time, arriving and leaving by their usual gates.

If this 15 minute change causes any Year 7 parents/carers a problem, then please let us know by emailing:

admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

If it does, we will see what we can do to accommodate your child until the end of the academic year.

OFSTED Visit

As you may be aware the school received a long-awaited visit from OFSTED in the first week back after half-term. I would like to thank all students and staff for their support over the two-day visit. The feedback from the surveys of parents, students and staff was overwhelmingly positive. The outcome of the inspection is confidential until it is published due to a quality assurance process that is followed for all inspections. When the final report is published we will let all parents know.

Regards,

Mr. Careless