



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

21 June-25 June 2021:Week 1



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

Thank you for your support this week with the school closure for a deep clean. Whilst the governing body and I fully acknowledge how inconvenient this may have been, this was the advice from the Public Health team at Lancashire County Council. Officially, a COVID outbreak is classed as 2 cases or more; at Parklands we had more than ten times that amount, and I know from my colleagues at other schools in Chorley and South Ribble that they are now also experiencing a swiftly growing number of positive cases. Lancashire is one of the most affected local authorities in the country, with the North West being the most affected county. It is clear that the new Delta variant is far more transmissible than previous variants, but fortunately pupils are not falling seriously ill. We have been made aware of a rumour circulating Chorley about a year 7 Parklands pupil who is seriously ill with COVID; to date we have not been informed by any of our parents that this is true.

There have been a number of news reports about new symptoms, such as a runny nose, a sore throat and a headache. Please could we urge caution if your child displays any of these symptoms and ask you to get a PCR test for your child. The lateral flow tests are for pupils who are not displaying any symptoms.

Please could I ask the following before Monday:

1. Ensure your child takes a lateral flow test on Sunday evening;
2. Conduct the PCR tests on Sunday as well, if you signed up to participate. Instructions should be with the tests and more information is on page 2 of this bulletin;

Furthermore, could I ask that you have a discussion with your child about the work completed during the 3 day closure. Teaching staff have reported a low uptake of pupils in live lessons, but your child may have had legitimate reasons for not being able to take part. However, all work on Google Classroom should have been completed. Please reiterate to your child that these 3 days were not extra holidays and our expectations are that they fully engaged with the work. I shall be speaking with all form groups on Monday morning about this via Google Meet.

Finally, I need to make you aware that several staff have been notified by Test & Trace of the need to isolate. Currently, we can keep school open by getting in supply staff, but should the number continue to grow, I may have to ask for a year group to remain at home and revert to blended learning.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell

Mass PCR testing for pupils and staff in school

Please use this link to help you register the kit:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10o8PGYSPvEZt49O4pwg-LqUI_WUbL7I1/view?usp=sharing

Due to the extremely high rate of positive Covid-19 cases at our school we have been invited to take part in additional testing as a precautionary measure. We are requesting your support and asking:

- For your child and household members to undertake a PCR test.
- PCR tests have been given out to pupils who have been given parental consent and were in school during form time on Tuesday 15th June. The PCR tests should be registered and carried out at home as per the school instructions that are provided with the kits and not using the leaflet enclosed in the plastic envelope.
- When registering the kits please ensure you use our site code: BIOY
- Completed tests should be delivered back to form tutors on **Monday 21st June**. These will then be taken to a collection point, to enable the genomic sequencing. **DO NOT POST YOUR TEST KITS.**

You can do a PCR test even if:

- You have no Covid-19 symptoms.
- You have had one or both Covid-19 vaccinations.
- You previously tested positive for Covid-19 over 90 days ago.

The results of the tests will be sent through to the parent/carer and not the school. If you receive a positive result you **MUST NOT** send your child into school. All positive results should be logged with the school in the normal way to allow track and trace to take place.



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Year 7 Messages

PE kit: due to the number of positive cases amongst our pupils, the PE department would like pupils to continue to wear PE kit for school on their PE days rather than use the changing rooms. We fully appreciate that this is yet another change, but it seems pragmatic in the current climate.

Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 24th June**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details should have been emailed to you - please email Miss Pilkington if you have any problems (lpilkington@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Year 8 Messages

Please remember to wear full uniform this week (on non-PE days). Hoodies must not be worn in school.

Year 9 Messages

Please remember to wear full uniform this week (on non-PE days). Hoodies must not be worn in school.

Year 10 Messages

Please remember to wear full uniform this week (on non-PE days). Hoodies must not be worn in school.

Year 11 Messages

Prom update: please see the email from Mrs Haslam, sent on Friday morning.

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **148** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 17 pupils
Year 8: 40 pupils
Year 9: 33 pupils
Year 10: 29 students
Year 11: 29 students

Who had the perfect 3 during the last week of last half-term?

Year 7: 123 pupils
Year 8: 145 pupils
Year 9: 154 pupils
Year 10: 130 students
Year 11: n/a

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

Weekly Learning Support Board, please click [here](#)

SCOPAY - Please note when paying for items on SCOPAY, please pay for dinner money separately and not at the same time as a trip or event. There is an error on the system and only payment for dinner money will be taken from your account.



PARKLANDS SPORTING HEROS



Is your child competing in sport at a county/regional or national level?

It doesn't have to be a sport we do in school!

We would love to know so we can celebrate their success in school!

Please send details to ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Parklands Club Links - Want to find a club to join and increase your child's physical activity levels, have a look [here](#). Also if you are involved in a club and wish to be added to the list please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



From Network Rail - Trespassing on railway lines

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

We urgently need you to please share the relevant safety videos with your parents/carers who can watch it at home before the summer break, as we traditionally see an increase in trespassing over this long holiday period.

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the I am registered field when you first watch the videos. Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

Whole School Messages

Food Bank Donations

A group of our Y8 pupils have started a project to collect donations for our local food bank. From Monday, pupils will be able to donate during form time. Please see below for more details

Food bank donation!

Hi everyone! There is a donation box in an area for each year!

Year 7 - S02

Year 8 - S20

Year 9 - N11

Year 10 - N26

For foods such as:

- Canned foods,
- Cereal,
- Tea,
- Coffee,
- Biscuits,
- Tinned veg,
- Tinned fruit,
- Pasta,
- Pasta sauce,
- Rice,
- Lentils,
- Beans,
- Tinned meat.



This box will be donated to the Living Waters Church food Bank! By Ella Ashton, Mathew Ramsden, Harry Gibson and Ava Howarth.

We have created this box to support hunger and poverty for our aspire project.

The box will be out after half term and will be taken to the food bank near the end of the year!

Hope you can donate! :)

We at Parklands are currently in the process of applying for the Diabetes UK "Good care in school" award. If you are a parent of a child in school with Type 1 Diabetes you should have received a link to a survey via email this week. Please could you let me know if this isn't the case and I will contact you. robinson@parklandsacademy.co.uk Thanks Ms Robinson



Parents don't ignore the signs of **type 1 diabetes** because of COVID-19

Undiagnosed type 1 diabetes can be fatal.



If parents are concerned about their child they should have their blood glucose (sugar) checked either in the GP surgery or local pharmacy.



DID YOU KNOW?

TYPE 1 DIABETES CANNOT BE PREVENTED

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an **autoimmune disease** in which a person's **pancreas stops producing insulin**. T1D has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle and it **cannot be prevented or cured**.

