



Rayner Stephens

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Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school, it has been great to have the full school back and for normal lessons to resume. Today is the last day of mass testing, I cannot praise our learners enough for their maturity and support in allowing this process to run so smoothly. The home testing packs are being distributed this afternoon and you have received separate communication about this earlier this week. The staff have been conducting home testing for two weeks now and the general feedback has been that the process has been easy to follow.

Attendance and Remote Learning

Attendance in the first two weeks has been excellent with over 98% of all learners returning to school. Positively the lateral flow tests have been effective in picking up asymptomatic cases of covid-19 in the school in the past two weeks. However, this has led to individual learners and staff having to self-isolate. Where this has happened learners are able to access their work either through Teams Assignments or where possible accessing a live lesson online. Members of staff self-isolating are continuing to deliver their lessons remotely to the learners in school. Colleagues and learners should be congratulated for how quickly they have adapt to these changes this week. We are currently trialling a blended learning approach with some of our learners that are currently self-isolating being able to log into the lesson in school live from home. This is in the early stages but we hope to be able to extend this trial wider during the next half term.

Goodbye and Good luck Dr Potter

Having worked at Rayner Stephens High School since 2012 in a variety of different roles, Dr Potter will be leaving Rayner Stephens today to take up an exciting new position with the national education charity Teach First. Dr Potter has played a central role in our response to the challenges posed by the pandemic over the past 12 months. Consequently, many of you will have had contact with him regarding Covid-19 in the past 12 months, for this reason I thought it was important to write to families to advise who they should contact following Dr Potter's departure.

Area	Key Contact
Attendance: all absences (including COVID), leaves of absences, etc.	Mrs M McNamara
COVID Confirmed Cases, COVID testing and related Free School Meal enquiries	Miss M Lanigan
INSIGHT queries	Mrs J Wigglesworth

All of these members of staff can be contacted via the main office. We wish Dr Potter the very best of luck for the future and thank him for his time at Rayner Stephens.

As always I wish to offer my thanks to all our families for your continued support at this time.

Yours faithfully,

Fay Beach
Head Teacher

