

Formby High School

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Dear Parent

I hope that everyone managed to enjoy the lovely weather during the half term break. It certainly appears to have had a positive impact with 'recharging batteries' of staff and students alike, which is very important as the remaining half of summer term is a busy one!

I am, overall, very pleased with the positive start students have made to this final term. This week we implemented our single start (8.55am) and finish (3pm) time of the school day for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. This has enabled us to reinstate the important morning tutor periods across Years 7 to 10 and to re-introduce weekly assemblies for each year group. Both of these activities are very important to the overall communication, preparation and collective engagement of our students and we are glad to have them back! I am slightly concerned, however, with levels of punctuality this week and would ask for your full support in ensuring your child arrives promptly for the **start of their registration period at 8.55am**. Year 12 students are expected to sign in on arrival at school in readiness for a prompt start to Period 1 (9.05am). Students who are arriving persistently late to school without good reason will be monitored closely and sanctioned by their Climate for Learning Leader.

I would like to congratulate Year 8 who have approached their assessments this week with maturity and look forward to a similar engagement by Year 7 and Year 9 students who commence their assessments next Monday. It is absolutely essential that students arrive fully equipped for their assessments to minimise disruption to themselves and others during lessons and, particularly, assessments. The equipment list can be found on the [school website](#) and I would ask that all students check their current equipment and top up any items needed over the weekend.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Mrs Harrison-Forsyth who has been appointed to Assistant Headteacher (Director of Learning Years 11-13 and Attendance). This is a new leadership position which has been created to offer students a focussed and dynamic structure to support them through their examination years and with the transition to life beyond school.

Finally, as promised in my letter dated 4 June 2021, I have consulted with our local Public Health team and the Headteacher of Range High School and have decided that staff and students will continue to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal spaces in school during week commencing 14 June 2021. This will continue to be reviewed on a weekly basis and I will write to you again on Friday 18 June 2021. In addition, to reduce the spread of the highly transmissible 'delta' variant, I have taken the decision that there will be no school trips or visits which require the use of coach travel for the remainder of this school year.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher



Important Reminder Keeping our School Community Safe

Home (asymptomatic) testing is a vital part of reducing transmission through identification of people carrying the virus without symptoms and it is imperative that students continue with their twice-weekly home testing routine (Sunday and Wednesday evenings).

If your child requires a home testing kit, we have a small supply available at First Aid. Alternatively, there are several chemists listed in the table below that provide LFD test kits over the counter on a free of charge basis. The following locations are based on proximity to school; should you live further afield, please use this [NHS website](#) to enter your postcode and find your nearest supplier.

Hough Pharmacy 41 Old Town Lane Formby L37 3HJ	Rowland Pharmacy 15 Chapel Lane Formby L37 4DL	Boots 17-19 Elbow Lane Formby L37 4AB
Primary Healthcare Plus 81 Liverpool Road Formby L37 6BU	Walker Pharmacy 62 Harington Road Formby L37 1NU	Boots 27 Chapel Lane Formby L37 4DL

If your child has symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell) or any other symptoms that you believe may be an indication of Covid-19 you should not send him/her to school. Instead, he/she should self-isolate (along with other household members) and book a PCR test. Where your child is symptomatic, a home LFD test will not suffice – he/she should [book a PCR test](#).

If your child tests positive you should inform the school immediately using the designated covid19@formbyhighschool.com address which is monitored throughout the school day and out of hours. This is vital to ensure that the school can complete any contact tracing quickly and reduce the risk of further infection. Any positive result returned by LFD (home) test should be followed up by [booking a confirmatory PCR test](#) immediately. Self-isolation must, however, begin from the first positive LFD result and only end if the PCR test returns a negative result or your child has completed the full self-isolation period required.