

Formby High School

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Dear Parent

As this half term draws to a close, I am writing to provide you with some important information.

Arrangements for the end of this half term

A reminder that school will end for students at 12.25pm on Friday 28 May. They will be dismissed by their teacher at the end of Period 3. The overwhelming majority of students will make their way home when they have been dismissed. If, however, you wish for your child to remain in school until the end of the day he/she should speak with his/her Climate for Learning Leader at the start of the day on Friday to enable suitable supervision arrangements to be put in place. As lunch will not be available to purchase from the dining room, students remaining in school should bring a packed lunch.

Covid-19 updates

Thank you very much for your support with students continuing to wear face coverings in school whilst there have been concerns about the local rate of infection. The infection rate has subsided although we are still having to manage positive Covid-19 cases in school. During the half term break I will consult with the local Public Health Team and the Headteacher from Range High School regarding levels of infection in Formby to determine whether we would like students to continue to wear face covering in classrooms and communal spaces on their return to school. I will write to confirm our decision during the holiday. In the meantime, I would ask that all students continue to self-test using LFD tests twice per week during half term and that any positive results are reported to school by emailing covid19@formbyhighschool.com. This email address will be monitored whilst school is closed. Continuing to self-test is vitally important as around one in three people with Covid-19 have no symptoms and spread the virus without knowing, including those who have been vaccinated.

Arrangements for next half term

Monday 7 June is an INSET day so students should return to school on Tuesday 8 June (Week 2). As Year 11 and 13 students are not required to attend daily next half term, we have decided to make a few changes to bubble arrangements and the start / end to the school day. Students in Years 7 and 8 will have lessons in Art, Drama, Design Thinking and Music taught in specialist teaching rooms and some Science lessons for all year groups will be relocated to laboratories to enable practical work to take place. Students in Years 9 and 10 will have some lessons moved to the ground floor of C Building (ensuring the year





group remain separate), enabling the Fitness Suite, Dance Studio, Library and Dining Room Foyer to be decommissioned as teaching spaces and returned to normal use. Students in Year 12 will benefit from having some lessons relocated to general teaching rooms in P Building, all of which are accessible via external doors. All of the above changes can be made without impacting on the integrity of year group bubbles whilst enabling lessons to be taught in more suitable locations. Finally, to enable Years 7 to 10 to begin the school day with tutor period, their day will commence at 8:55am. Year 12 students should sign in using the InVentry System in readiness for Period 1. All students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. Students should continue to arrive and depart through their designated year group gate and remain mindful of social distancing. As, eventually, the weather begins to improve, please encourage your child to walk or cycle to school to prevent traffic congestion on Freshfield Road.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 13 who will receive GCSE, A Level and VTQ grades this summer have now completed their assessments. It has been a marathon and I am sure they will appreciate the opportunity for a well earned rest. They deserve congratulations for the resilience, enthusiasm and good humour they have shown this half term.

With very best wishes for a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher