

Formby High School

'Determined to Achieve'



DMA/LFO

9 February 2022

Dear Parent

I am pleased that easing of restrictions and return to Plan A arrangements has allowed the school to resume more normal routines. I would like to thank students and their parents for their support with the changes over recent months.

Attendance

Whilst attendance across the school has started to improve and is now around 90%, it is well below our historic excellent attendance and I am still concerned about the amount of time that some students are absent. If your child is well enough, please ensure that he/she attends school and, if possible, please try to book medical appointments out of school hours.

PE Kit

With effect from Tuesday 22 February students in Years 9-11 will wear uniform every day, including days on which they have timetabled PE lessons when they will use the changing rooms to change into their PE kit. Students in Years 7 and 8 will continue to wear their PE kit and blazer on days that they have timetabled PE lessons.

Equipment

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child arrives with the full list of items on the equipment list. We have recently added a whiteboard pen to the list as mini whiteboards are regularly used by students during lessons. Students may purchase stationery items from the general office before school if they are missing any items.

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

Students in Years 10-13 will be sitting PPEs in the next half term and beyond and I hope that they take the opportunity to prepare well and do their very best. PPEs will take place as follows:

- Year 13 – w/c Monday 28 February
- Year 10 – Tuesday 1 March (GCSE Religious Studies only)
- Year 11 – w/c Monday 7 March
- Year 12 – w/c Tuesday 3 May
- Year 10 – w/c Monday 27 June (all other subjects)

Covid-19 Vaccinations 12-15 year olds

The School Age Immunisation Service team will be in school on Tuesday 22 February offering Covid-19 dose 1 or dose 2 vaccines; this will be dependent on consent being received and following 12 weeks from 1st dose, positive Covid test or Covid illness. They have written to parents (details also sent by ParentMail) to request consent via an online form; the deadline for responses is midnight on **17 February 2022** and we encourage as many students to participate as possible. If you have not yet returned your consent form to them, you can do so using the following link:

- <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

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School will finish for the half term break on Friday 11 February (week 2) and students will return on Tuesday 22 February as Monday 21 February is an INSET day (staff only).

If you wish to encourage your child to keep his/her grey matter stimulated over the half term break, or indeed if you enjoy a puzzle yourself, can I draw your attention to the much publicised [Wordle](#)? If you prefer a number challenge you might enjoy [Mathler](#), a maths puzzle inspired by Wordle. Enjoy!

I would like to wish you and your family a very pleasant half term break.

Yours sincerely

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