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Principals Update: Testing; Easter Holidays, including Free School Meal provision and contact tracing; Parents Evenings / Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

Testing

Testing has continued through last week and we are entering the final two days of testing in school, starting today and finishing tomorrow. So far, we have not had any positive results. Later this week we will be distributing home testing kits for students. As with all the testing we have done, completion of the test will only happen with parental consent. Further details on how to complete home testing will follow.

Easter Holidays - Learning

This term will finish on Thursday 1st April, with Friday 2nd being a Bank Holiday. School will restart on Monday 19th April. Students will not be expected to complete Remote Learning during this time, however Year 11 students may be preparing for their PPE exams. We are not expecting this to be in an "Easter School" format.

The government have indicated that Local Authorities may be providing provision for students over the holidays, but I have not had notice of a local offer to date. If this changes, I will keep you informed.

Easter Holidays – Free School Meal (FSM) Provision

Through the governments winter grant scheme, Bristol Local Authority will be providing us with FSM vouchers – as in previous holidays, we will be in touch separately to distribute these.

Easter Holidays – How do I report a COVID case over the holidays?

As you may be aware, the government has asked school leaders to continue to Track and Trace for positive student cases in the Easter holidays, for six days after the last day of students being in school. After that point, contact tracing will be handled by NHS Track and Trace until the new term starts on 19th April. Below is a table setting out who you should contact on which date:

Date:	Who do I inform?
From 01/04/2021 to 06/04/2021 Inform School	Email: response@fairfield.excalibur.org.uk This will be checked each day between 9 am and 10am until Wednesday 6th April . Parents of any close contacts only will be informed by parent mail. Please do not phone in to school to report positive cases, use the above email address.
07/04/2021 -18/04/2021 Use NHS Track and Trace	From Thursday 7th April service will be provided by NHS Track and Trace who will seek contacts directly from positive cases. Do not inform school until April 19 th .
19/04/2021 onwards Inform School	Normal service resumes in school and we can be informed via reception or our absence line.

Parents Evenings / Events

We look forward to resuming parent/guardian evenings, with some rescheduled due to Lockdown.

Year 11 parent/guardian evening will take place on the 1st. April.

Year 10 parent/guardian evening will take place on the 29th. April.

Both of these events will take place via Teams. Please continue to check Parent Mail for more information.

Years 7, 8, 9 - Key Stage 3 (KS3)

As we look towards KS3 parent/guardian evenings we are hoping to give you an opportunity to come into school and talk with staff face to face, if national restrictions allow. We will keep you informed as which of the following two options we will be using in the coming weeks. Please pencil in the potential dates

If lockdown restrictions **are** lifted, you will be invited to attend school on one of the following dates. All staff and classrooms will be open so that you can come and see your child's work and talk with staff.

All KS3 24th. June - 4:30 - 7:30 pm

All KS3 8th. July - 4:30 - 7:30 pm

If lockdown restrictions are **not** lifted, we will conduct parent/guardian evening on the following dates via Teams:

Year 9 - 26th May

Year 8 - 10th June

Year 7 - 24th June

Best Wishes,

Nick Lewis – Principal

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