



9th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start by thanking you for your support for two charity events in the last week - our collection drop off for Ukraine with Matilda Rose, including a very tasty cake stall; and our Purple Day collection to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research UK. Both were successful events and allowed students to learn more about the importance of supporting charity.

Support is sometimes needed within our close community for various reasons and I am aware that rising costs of living may be impacting on some families. If you are finding yourself needing support with things like uniform and other school equipment please let us know, in full confidence. We also have contacts with other local support groups such as Reach in Haverhill who do amazing work. Please don't be alone and email or phone us.

The One Haverhill Partnership are currently undertaking a piece of work to gather the community's thoughts on all the best things about Haverhill so that we can celebrate all that is best about our town. I would be grateful if you could share your thoughts by visiting <https://onehaverhill.co.uk/what-do-you-like-about-haverhill/>

I have been contacted by a couple of local neighbours recently regarding parking at the end of the school day. Please can I encourage you to allow your child to walk or cycle to school and avoid car drop offs and pick ups where possible. Hopefully the more pleasant weather will help with this. If you do need to drive please can you arrange to pick up further away from school and avoid parking in front of dropped curbs to allow our neighbours to get in and out of their driveways and access by emergency vehicles if needed.

We have seen some good improvements in attendance since Easter and reduced reported COVID cases. Students should be in school continuing as usual unless they are too unwell to be in or have a temperature. They can return to school once their temperature has gone. Usual coughs, colds and hay fever are all issues we can support within school.

The formal guidance around COVID testing has changed again and I wanted to share. You will decide in your families if you do want to make use of any COVID tests you have in the household.

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The full information is below but the guidance for testing under 18s is as follows.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result.

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>

If a student does a test and it is positive they should remain away from school for 3 days at the least - if they have a temperature or are too unwell to attend after 3 days they should remain at home. This will also be the case during exam periods and if needed special arrangements will be applied for to the exam boards.

I wish you all a very good week, the sun is set to shine!

Yours sincerely,

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