



MALVERN COLLEGE

To Parents and Guardians

Sent via ISAMS

27 May 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

Having had no further cases reported in the past few days and an affirmative meeting with Public Health England (PHE) this morning, I am very sorry to report that we have had six further positive tests reported this afternoon in one of the Houses. Those pupils who have tested positive and their close contacts have been isolated and their parents informed.

Tomorrow's Commemoration, as well as Speeches and Prizegiving, has been postponed. These are now planned for the afternoon of Friday 18 June and will be available online for parents – specific details and the necessary link will be confirmed nearer the time. If by this date we are able to do so, we will endeavour to enable parents to attend in an appropriate manner.

Lessons will move online for all year groups for the two planned lessons tomorrow (Friday) morning. Pupils may then leave for Half Term whenever it is convenient for their families. For pupils who are remaining in school tomorrow and who are not isolating, activities will be available in the afternoon and the planned BBQ will be run within individual Houses.

All pupils remaining at Malvern over Half Term will be further tested and Houses deep cleaned. For those not isolating, the published arrangements remain in place.

PHE have advised that we should retain a heightened level of restrictions for ten days after we return from the half term break. We will review these arrangements from Wednesday 16 June with PHE. This will minimise any possible transmission related to any half-term exposure. Pupils will remain in year group and house bubbles, face coverings will be worn where social distancing is not possible and all current hygiene measures will be maintained.

Lower Sixth pupils will return to the full programme of face-to-face lessons. The Upper Sixth A Level activity programme and the Hundred/Pre-Sixth activity and bridging course programmes will continue as planned.

Prior to returning after half-term, all pupils will need to take a lateral flow test on Sunday 6 June. Further test kits can be ordered for the NHS using this link <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Pupils should also complete at least two lateral flow tests during half-term and report all their lateral flow test results using the normal link [COVID-19 Information \(sharepoint.com\)](https://malverncollege.org.uk/COVID-19-Information)

Pupils who are or have been close contacts of the positive cases that we have had, are required to complete a PCR test after ten days of isolation and before they return to school. These can be ordered free of charge from the NHS <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Where there is a question on the order form about why the test is needed, please state that the local authority have required the pupil to have the test.

Despite this disappointing news, I wish you and your families a relaxing half-term break. Adapting to uncertainty is a valuable life skill and I have been truly impressed by the way that so many of our pupils, and indeed our staff, have met the challenges faced with resilience and kindness.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Metcalfe', with a horizontal line underneath.

Keith Metcalfe
Headmaster