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Dear Families,

At the end of this incredibly busy term I would like to thank you all for your on-going support. This week has been quite an emotional one as we said goodbye to both our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Of course for our Year 11 students there will be transitional sessions in place supporting their progression into post 16 education next term. For our Year 13 students, many of whom arrived as children in Year 7 back in 2014, and leave us as adults in 2021, ready to face the world with all the opportunities it brings. I am delighted with their achievements over the past years, and wish them every success as they move on to apprenticeships, careers or to study at university. Both year groups have been an absolute credit to the school.

### **Covid 19**

As per my communication earlier this week it was unfortunate that we had a positive case within our Year 9 cohort. As a result, based on the guidance from Public Health Lambeth, a number of students were forced to self-isolate. I wanted to clarify that this is the most up-to-date guidance from the DFE.

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID 19 across the borough. As a result all students have today received a PCR testing kit. Public Health Lambeth would like to assess whether this rise is due to an increase in variants of concern circulating in the area, in particular B1.617.2 variant first detected in India. Two letters from Lambeth Authority are attached to this letter.

With regard to Covid 19; all of our other control measures remain. Bubbles, learning zones, hand hygiene and social distancing are still in place and we will remind all students and staff of the necessity of these actions. We are very supportive of any member of our school community wishing to wear a mask at all times if they want to. Please remember that masks / face coverings are still mandatory on public transport, inside shops and all other indoor communal areas.

### **Home Testing for Pupils**

In addition to the PCR testing kits, all families will have been provided with Home Testing Kits (HTK) to allow you to continue to test your son / daughter. It is essential that you log the result of your test [here](#) as we have previously requested and please remember to keep testing during the holidays:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to) preferably on a Sunday and a Wednesday or Thursday
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void to the school
- test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

**Families can access additional testing kits here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### **Positive Test Results**

The school **WILL NOT** receive notification of the result which you will upload directly to Test & Trace, as such we would ask families to share the result with the school **ONLY** if your son or daughter **tests positive**. **Please do contact school at [admin@lns.org.uk](mailto:admin@lns.org.uk) if you have any problems with testing or recording your child's results.**

### **Parents Evenings**

We have a number of Remote Parents Evenings during term 6. You will receive invitations to your respective evening. Please see below:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 10

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 7

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 - Year 8

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Year 9

### **Food Vouchers**

All families in receipt of free school meals will receive Tesco vouchers to the total of £16:50 for week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 - the voucher will be sent to your email address over the next 48 hours.

Finally, after all the poor weather, it looks as though there will be plenty of sunshine over half term. I urge all students – and parents or carers – to get outside and make the most of the outdoors. Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 7th June.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr. M Schofield**  
Headteacher

## **Important Information from Lambeth Council**

### **Appendices**

#### **PCR tests for Lambeth school pupils - Response to local rise in cases in school age children.**

We have seen a rise in Covid-19 cases in the secondary school age population. It is possible that this rise is due to an increase in variants of concern circulating in the area, in particular B.1.617.2 the variant first detected in India. As a PCR test is required to detect variants we are making it easier for pupils to access PCR tests. All families should continue to test twice weekly using rapid tests through the half term period and prior to returning to school.

We are providing all local secondary schools and selected primary schools with PCR test kits which can go home with pupils over the half term period. These do NOT need to be returned to school.

#### **When to use a PCR test**

Pupils should use these tests in the following situations:

- If they have a positive Lateral Flow Test (rapid) test (to confirm the result and enable testing for variants)
- If they feel unwell with symptoms which could be related to Covid-19
- If anyone else in the household has a positive Covid-19 test or they have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19 (this does not remove requirement to self isolate in these situations)

Additional tests can also be ordered online or if preferred you can attend a testing site via the national website.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

#### **How to return tests kits**

Tests can be returned by royal mail using a [priority post box](#). The kit will need to be registered online prior to being returned at <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

#### **Self isolation support**

Any families who need to self isolate due to symptoms or a positive Covid-19 test within the household will be offered financial and practical support to self isolate. [Advice and help to self- isolate | Lambeth Council](#)

#### **Vaccination**

Lambeth has seen an increase in cases in the adults who are parents of secondary school age children so would recommend that everyone eligible accesses a vaccination as soon as possible.

If you are over 30 years old you can already book a vaccination through the national booking system at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination> or by calling 119 free of charge.

If you had your first dose more than 8 weeks ago you can also bring your second dose forward through the same site. Appointments are available on the national booking system at local hospitals, pharmacies and at other sites across Lambeth and London.

## **Walk-in vaccination clinic at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals for parents and carers of school**

### **students**

The NHS has put on extra capacity for all those in the eligible group (over 30 years) who have not yet had a first vaccine to attend a walk in vaccination session at

- Guy's Hospital London Bridge Vaccination Centre 1 or 2 or at
- St Thomas' Hospital – Westminster Bridge 1 or St Thomas' 1 or 2.

Please attend from 5-7pm on Friday 28 May, Saturday 29, Sunday 30 May or Monday 31 May. If you wish to attend on other days or outside of these times you will need to book an appointment – see below.

You will need to bring proof of Lambeth address and your age. Other local walk-in vaccination clinics available to school parents and carers.

New dates and venues for walk-in vaccination clinics are being added all the time. Many of these are in community venues and local GP practices.

Check the NHS South East London CCG website for up-to-date details of walk-in clinics and who can attend <https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/pop-up-clinics/>

### **Booked vaccination appointments**

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Local sites available for booking online or by calling 119 include the following:

#### **Pharmacies**

- Westbury's Chemist, 84-92 Streatham High Road, SW16 1BSE 020 8677 2724
- Junction Pharmacy, 227 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8SA 020 7274 7599
- Day Lewis Pharmacy, 110 Brixton Hill, SW2 1AH Team: Public Health

Team address: Lambeth Council, Executive Support Hub PO Box 734, Winchester SO23 5DG  
020 8674 3575

- Fairlee Queenstown Pharmacy, 26 Queenstown Road, SW8 3RX 020 7622 9255
- Copes Pharmacy, 570-572 Streatham High Road, SW16 3QQ 020 8764 2910 / 8507
- Pulse Pharmacy, 310 Clapham Road, SW9 9AE 020 7622 2544
- Pascoe Pharmacy, 235 Knights Hill, SE27 0QT 020 8670 2562

- Queens Pharmacy, 107a Rosendale Road, SE21 8EZ 020 8670 8076

### **Hospitals**

- St Thomas' Hospital
- Guy's Hospital
- King's College Hospital
- St George's Hospital

Evidence shows that both Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against all known strains of the virus. You need two doses for maximum protection.

### **Find out more**

For further up to date information on the COVID-19 vaccine, including answers to frequently asked questions from people who live and work in South East London, please visit [www.nhsselondonvaccinefacts.com](http://www.nhsselondonvaccinefacts.com)