



15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

- Positive Covid cases this week
- New Household Account feature for reporting test results
- Volunteers wanted for support with on-site testing on return to school in September.
- Youth Centre Summer Activities

### **Positive Covid cases this week**

Having had a very quiet 10 days on the Covid front for students compared with most schools, we were informed of a number of positive cases in Years 7 and 8 today. This is in line with the current pattern locally and nationally.

We have worked very hard to identify and isolate close contacts today. All parents / carers of the close contacts will receive a further email tomorrow regarding the arrangements for work for the remaining days of term and regarding the end of their isolation period. We're really sorry that the last few days of term and the first few days of the holidays have been affected for some.

Parents of those absent from school having been asked to self-isolate do not need to inform the attendance line each day. However, it is essential that parents of students absent for any other reason do inform the attendance line promptly in the morning. This enables us to identify any absent students who should be on site much more quickly, which is an essential part of our safeguarding duty. Many thanks for your support with this

### **New household account feature for parents reporting test results**

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can

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then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

### **Youth Centre Summer Activities**

Portishead Youth Centre have asked us to share details of their Summer Holiday Scheme for children between the ages of 8 and 12. There will be events on every day with activities including - Sports, Arts and Crafts, Team Games and Cooking. There will also be additional trips on offer (additional costs may apply).

There is the option of full days (including lunch) for £33 per day or half days at £15 per half day. Limited spaces are available in line with the relevant Covid-19 guidance and spaces will be awarded on a first come first served basis. If your child is receipt of the Pupil Premium, you should have received an email from Mandi Davies.

Further information, including the sign-up letter, booking form and COVID measures can be found on Portishead Youth Centre's website by following this link:  
[https://portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk/club\\_and\\_group/holiday-scheme/](https://portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk/club_and_group/holiday-scheme/)

### **Staff Thanks**

Thank you so much for the lovely messages of thanks that you have been willing for me to pass on to staff on your behalf.

If you haven't managed to yet but would be willing to share a brief message of thanks to the staff body then it would enable me to really share your appreciation of their efforts. The link to do so is below and we'd ask you to do so by the end of tomorrow (16<sup>th</sup>) at the latest. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3zfDWD6Fd3>

I will be writing to once last time before the summer break, on Tuesday. As a reminder, school closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.30pm for students on Tuesday.

With best wishes



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Headteacher