



# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Headteacher's newsletter includes an important message from the CEO of The Dean Trust, Mr Kapur. Please can I ask that you take the time to read this letter and follow the guidance to help keep our school safe.

The 1<sup>st</sup> October marks the start of Black History Month. This year, the History faculty will be focusing on the theme of 'using your voice for change'. Pupils will recognise and celebrate past successes of black individuals whilst also considering how we can contribute to a society that is inclusive, promotes equal rights and celebrates diversity. Please read the Black History Month section and encourage your child to engage in the on-line discussion activities.

Next week, the school will be re-introducing some extra-curricular activities. It is important that we provide our pupils with some sense of normality that these activities provide. Additionally, we recognise the contribution enrichment makes to pupils' social and emotional wellbeing. All activities will take place in year group bubbles. Please encourage your child to get involved!

Please stay safe and continue to follow the COVID-19 guidance included in this newsletter.

With best wishes,

Mrs. S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** We are in uncertain times, many people are struggling. If you need help or support please contact school and ask to speak to a member of the welfare team.

**Eco-committee Tip:** Create a compost bin for your vegetable food waste! This can then be used to grow fresh food at home!



Please turn over for an important message from the CEO of The Dean Trust, Mr T. Kapur





30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**CEO Message to Parents/Carers**

I am taking the unusual step of writing to all parents/carers of pupils in The Dean Trust during these difficult times. We wish all our pupils who are ill with Covid19 a speedy recovery.

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your incredible patience and support, particularly those families affected by year groups having to self-isolate at home.

I am however seeking your further support. We have recently had cases of pupils coming into school who are clearly unwell. A number of these pupils have subsequently tested positive for Covid19. As a result, we have been advised by Public Health England to send home classes and occasionally full year groups of pupils.

I would urge that all our parents and carers remain vigilant of any symptoms that their child has that could indicate that they have Coronavirus (COVID-19) and ensure that they remain at home. It is then very important that contact is made with the local health protection team and a Covid19 test is taken.

We are making every effort to keep as many pupils in school as possible but to succeed, we need to work together to limit the risk of transmission within our schools.

Once again, thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Tarun Kapur CBE  
Chief Executive



### **Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *I am looking forward to welcoming back Year 7. I have missed you!*

It has been good to speak to parents and carers while Year 7 pupils have been working from home. It is positive to hear that pupils are still in a routine, working well through the work packs. Please can I remind you to ensure that we have up to date address and phone numbers details for you. This is to ensure that we can contact you in emergencies and pass on information to you. I am looking forward to welcoming back Year 7. I have missed you!



### **Year 8 - Mr Diaz** *Pupils have all continued with the same level of maturity.*

It has been great to see Year 8 settling back into their lessons and learning in school after their isolation period. Pupils have all continued with the same level of maturity in completing their classwork and following guidance around school. The same level of consistency must be added to completing homework and Remote Learning booklets, one of the ways to ensure this is by having a routine at home in order to complete the work issued and take the necessary breaks. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and Remote Learning booklets on time.



### **Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn** *Remember to be 'Respectful, Ready and Responsible'!*

Year 9 have been completing remote learning whilst self-isolating at home. This has included engaging with a Year 9 specific Google Classroom group. The response and eagerness to complete work and Miss Welsh's daily quiz has been excellent to see! Pupils have been keen to ask lots of questions, and have been offering support to each other with work, which is again amazing to see! When we return to school on the 6th October, we expect to see the same, outstanding level of application towards our work and in our lessons. Remember to be *Respectful, Ready and Responsible* from the moment we arrive, and our return to school will be seamless! See you on Tuesday and keep up the good work!



### **Year 10 - Mr Hull** *The tremendous spirit and willingness for responsibility we have.*

This week saw the closing date for prefect applications. Mr Randles and I were overwhelmed by the huge number of applicants and the sheer quality of the applications. It was an absolute joy to read so many of them. To receive almost a hundred applications of less than forty places shows the tremendous spirit and willingness for responsibility we have within the year group. We have chosen our prefects and this was a very difficult decision. Congratulations to those chosen, and to those who were successful, please don't be downhearted – your contributions will still be needed over the coming weeks and months. Work hard; be kind.



### **Year 11 - Mr Smith** *The key is to have discipline.*

Unfortunately, as a Year group you are now on remote learning until Monday 12th October. Although this is frustrating, as we were just starting to build some momentum, we must try and turn this into a positive. Without the time travelling to and from school and all the transitions during the school day you will have more time to study in the same period of the day. The key is to have discipline so that you do not waste time at home either getting up too late or being distracted. I hope that the maturity you have shown towards your studies in the first few weeks back at school will be replicated in your attitude during this time at home. If you have any worries or concerns please use the Google Classroom that has been set up that allows you to send a private message that will only be read by Mr Devine and Mr Ahmed so they can best support you.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

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The 1<sup>st</sup> October marked the start of Black History Month. Faculties throughout the school have been busy preparing and planning all the ways in which they will promote this month! Hundreds of posters are now stuck around school, featuring inspirational black figures. Pupils will be given a form on which they must find as many posters as possible, making note of who the person is, what it is that they did, and a bonus fact! Pupils with the most points will be receiving prizes!

We have also set up a Google Classroom for pupils to discuss and share their ideas for Black History Month. The code for this Google Classroom is below.

Stay tuned as we update the newsletter each week with the various activities that pupils will be taking part in!



## Who inspires you?

- We are lucky to be surrounded every day by many inspirational black people. Is there a teacher that inspires you, or has your mum or dad overcome something to be inspirational to you?
- In every classroom is a set of postcards.
- Please take one, or two.
- Think of somebody who has inspired or influenced you. It could be a well known celebrity, a sports player, someone in your community, your mum or dad or even a teacher!
- Write them a little note to thank them for inspiring you.
- Leave space on the right, if you know their address write it in, or if not return it to your teacher and we will try and get it to them!

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# Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Viv Bennett CBE**

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# ⚠ Important ⚠

Advice for schools

## CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE:



### NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

*This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)*



### FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)

*The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back*



### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

*this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.*

**MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.**



If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.



Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffling nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.

**For further guidance on coronavirus testing for schools, please read the letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders at: [bit.ly/phe-schools](https://bit.ly/phe-schools)**



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# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</b></p>
 <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</b></p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>• Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>• Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b></p>
 <p><b>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>• People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></p>

**For further information:**

[gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net](mailto:gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net)

[gov.uk/backtoschool](https://gov.uk/backtoschool)