

Dear parents and carers,

We listened to your feedback about live lessons and understand that students will benefit from some time away from their screens. As a result, we are planning two half days for well-being activities. The first of these will be on **Friday 12th February**; you will receive more information about the second day after half term – once we know more about the Government's plans relating to the eventual re-opening of schools. Currently, we still expect this to be from the 8th March.

Therefore, on **Friday 12th February**, we plan to cease live lessons at the end of lesson 3 for all students in years 7-11 and at the end of lesson 2 for students in years 12-13 for the remainder of that day - **except for the year 9 GCSE Photography taster session which will go ahead as planned during lesson 4.** (Students who are receiving their learning onsite will be able to leave the site or stay if necessary. We will still provide onsite support/activities for students who need to remain at school.) *Primary years will continue as normal – with Wednesday afternoons being used to promote well-being.*

Live lessons for secondary phase will finish at:

Year:	Time:
7	12:15
8	12:30
9	12:45 (Photography taster will run at 1:15 -2:15)
10	12:15
11	12:30
12, 13	12:45

(If your child is in the secondary phase and needs to remain in school on the afternoon of Friday 12th February, please notify vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk)

During the 'free time' on Friday afternoon, we strongly encourage students to engage in a well-being activity away from the screen (we will send ideas to students via Teams). When we return to live lessons after the half term break, the normal timings of the school day will resume.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support as we have navigated our way through live lessons and remote teaching and learning since our return to school in January. We appreciate all that you have done to help your child access lessons and do their best to continue to make progress. We are also grateful for all the kind comments and suggestions we have received from you.

Some of our students and staff have been in school for the duration of the term, and we would like to thank them for their commitment to 'keeping going' through these difficult times. Likewise, all staff and students at home have worked their 'normal' hours to try to mitigate the effects of lockdown on children's learning. A well-deserved thank you goes out to everyone for all their hard work.

Finally, we have attached some information at the end of this letter for the parents of students who have been attending school – this is to advise you of COVID-19 notification systems over the break. For all other students, we do not need to be notified of positive results unless it will impact on students' ability to attend live lessons after the break. We truly hope you and your families do not have the misery of COVID-19 being in your homes at all.

Stay safe and take care.

Kind regards,



Gary Wakefield
Vice Principal

COVID-19 monitoring during half term - Students currently on site only

As you are aware, we have been conducting weekly testing of students in secondary phase using lateral flow tests. Since this started, we have recorded 4 positive tests and it has been necessary to identify close contacts each time.

I would like to explain the procedure for reporting a positive COVID-19 test result after school closes on Friday 12th February. If we do have a positive case, you may be contacted, as your child could be a close contact; this information will explain what will happen.

We will be on duty monitoring the COVID-19 email account covid@ccs.northants.sch.uk on the following days; Sunday 14th February and Tuesday 16th February. We will be responding to any emails from 10.00 am to 11.00 am on these days.

To report a positive case:

You only need to inform us of a **positive COVID-19 test result if your child developed symptoms within 48 hours of their last day in school**. This would mean that if they finished school on Friday 12th February, symptoms would need to have started **before Monday 15th February**. This is because the infectious stage is 48 hours prior to symptoms developing.

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The government has informed us that we must identify any close contacts and advise self-isolation.

When reporting a positive Covid-19 test result, please could you email the following information:

- **Name of child:**
- **Year group:**
- **Tutor / Class group:**
- **Date that your child was last in school:**
- **Date that symptoms started:**
- **Date of positive test:**
- **Names of close contacts** (outside of their class bubble) e.g., friends that they walk to school with, spent time with at break and lunch. Close contacts are defined as:
 - a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
 - being coughed on
 - having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
 - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

We will contact you to discuss the information, but it would be helpful to have it in advance. Once we have established the actions that need to be taken, we will send an email to all identified close contacts.

If your child is identified as a close contact:

You will receive a phone call and an email with a letter explaining that your child has been identified as a close contact. We aim to have this information sent out by 2.00 pm on either Sunday 14th or Tuesday 16th February.

It is important that you realise that this email account will not be monitored, and we are unable to provide any further details.

A child who is identified as a close contact is expected to isolate but the **rest of their family are not**. This isolation period is for 10 days from last contact. The date when the self-isolation ends will be in the email.

As a reminder, we will identify close contacts through discussion with the student who has tested positive and with reference to our bubbles that we are using in school.