



16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, the football is over for now and what a nail-biting end to the tournament. It was great sport and the England team played an impressive game. Whatever they are paid, the England team are young men to be proud of, on the pitch and off, and their youth means that there will be future opportunities for glory.

For all the joy that England's performance brought, the subsequent vicious racist attacks on members of the team were sobering and saddening. It's a stark reminder that for any progress which has been made on equalities, significant challenges remain.

### **COVID – Step 4 Updates**

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, the Prime Minister announced that at Step 4 we will be able to remove swathes of restrictions on daily life, and that after 16 months of sacrifice by those across society, we will return even closer to normality on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

This means that our bubbles will not need to be used for summer school or in school from the autumn term. However, we will need to be prepared for the possibility that in some local areas we may be required for reintroduction of 'bubbles' or other control measures for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

#### **Isolation**

After 16 August, children and young people will only need to isolate if they have tested positive with Covid-19, currently with bubbles, all close contact would need to isolate for ten days. In addition, fully vaccinated staff who have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive will be able to remain in the classroom from the autumn term.

#### **Testing**

As students will potentially mix with other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school pupils will receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. We are still working on how this will be rolled out. Students will then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed. Staff will also undertake twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.

#### **Face coverings**

In line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings were no longer recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, but staff and visitors continue to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school. From Step 4, face coverings will continue to be advised for staff and visitors in communal areas, and social distancing will no longer be necessary.

#### **Information on the use of face coverings on dedicated school transport**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, The Prime Minister also said 'we expect and recommend people wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with those you don't normally meet such as on public transport'. We will therefore continue to support the use of face coverings on school transport. This will be kept under review.

## Pupil Reports

Pupil's end of year reports will be going out Monday. If you have any questions about the reports please liaise with the class teacher in the first case.

## Sports Day Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>



Mr R Page  
Headteacher

## Term 6 Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Leavers Assembly 3:30

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July last day of term 6, 1:15 finish for pupils

Useful Resources for Young People

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) an online support and counselling service for 10 - 25 year olds across Kent. It offers 1-2-1 chats, helpful articles, community discussion boards and daily journals.



[Moodspark@org.uk](mailto:Moodspark@org.uk) a website where young people aged 10 -16 can learn how to look after their emotional and mental health and find ways to help them bounce back when life gets tough.



<https://chathealth.nhs.uk/> is a confidential texting service for young people aged 11-19. Young people can text the school health team about any concerns or health issues on 07520 618 850. The number is monitored Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm. Parents, young people and schools can access a range of helpful information and resources.



[Ramsgate Week - 18 to 23 July](#) - Postponed from last year, Ramsgate week is often referred to as a friendly alternative to Cowes week. Visitors are welcome to come and absorb the breath-taking views from the Royal Temple Yacht Club and take a break from all the action.

[Dreamland Summer Social - now until 27 August](#) - This new event will run all summer long and is set to be the hottest spot in Kent. The Dreamland Summer Social is the ultimate open-air pub experience, bringing together delicious street food, amazing live DJs and a variety of sports coverage on the large screen.

[Westgate Scarecrow Festival 17 to 24 July](#) - The scarecrows will be located all around the Town of Westgate on Sea, so be prepared to do plenty of walking using a trail map of the scarecrows to help you locate them all!

### [Reconnect](#)

Parents of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will have received a voucher for Holiday Activities and a Leisure Centre pass yesterday. They are on the same system as the Free School Meal vouchers. We are expecting delivery of the bus passes before the end of term and will get them out to you as soon as we can.

**Reconnect**

Kent Children and Young People

The Kent community is uniting to give children and young people a summer of fun and opportunities.

From free bus travel and discounted 6-week leisure centre passes through to summer learning and a guide to what's on, [Reconnect](#) has something for children and young people of all ages.

Discover more, visit: [kent.gov.uk/reconnect](https://kent.gov.uk/reconnect)

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