

April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you had a happy, healthy and restful Easter break and that you are ready to pick up again where we left off in March.

Important Reminders

1. **Masks** – The guidance around masks in schools is unchanged and will not change again until May at the earliest. In other words, students are expected to wear masks in classrooms and when moving around in buildings. Please ensure that your daughter has an appropriate supply of masks when she returns to school and that she knows how to wear one properly to help keep you and all members of our school community that bit safer.
2. **Home Testing** – Your daughter was provided with enough tests for the duration of the holiday before we broke up. **Please test your daughter on the Sunday evening before returning to school to ensure that she is safe to return.** If the test is positive, please book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and let us know by emailing masstesting@hollylodge.liverpool.sch.uk. We would encourage you to follow the government guidelines on home testing twice each week once the guidelines for this are issued shortly. We are not aware at this time if any more kits will be provided to school given the Government plans to make them available to everyone.
3. **Punctuality** – The vast majority of students are managing to arrive in school on time each morning but we have rising numbers of lates in the morning in recent weeks. Please ensure that your daughter is on time – on site by 8.25 each morning. If punctuality does not improve, we will have to re-institute some socially distanced detentions at breaktimes this term. We will warn parents if this is to be the case.

Important Dates this half term

Date	Year (s)	Event
12/4/21	10	Year 10 Geography, History, Drama, Dance and Health and Social Care after school revision starts
21/4/21	8	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening via SchoolCloud
26/4	11 and 13	Testing window opens for Year 11 and 13 Teacher Assessed Grades evidence
29/4/21	7	Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening via SchoolCloud
3/5/21	All	May Day Bank Holiday
10/5/21	8 and 9	Revision week
14/5/21	11 and 13	Year 11 and 13 testing window closes
17/5/21	8 and 9	Assessment week
21/5/21	All	INSET Day for Teacher Assessed Grading – school closed to all students
26/5/21	9	Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening via SchoolCloud
28/5/21	All 11 and 13	Break up for Half Term Last day of teaching for Years 11 and 13

2021/22 Term Dates – Please note that INSET days need to be added. More details to follow.

Autumn Half Term 1

Wednesday 1 September – Friday 22 October 2021

Half term, Monday 25 – Friday 29 October 2021

Autumn Half Term 2

Monday 1 November – Wednesday 22 December 2021

Christmas Break, Thursday, 23 December – Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Spring Half Term 1

Wednesday, 5 January – Friday, 18 February 2022

Half term, Monday 21 – Friday 25 February 2022

Spring Half Term 2

Monday, 28 February – Friday, 8 April 2022

Easter break Monday, 11 April – Friday, 22 April 2022

Summer Half Term 1

Monday, 25 April – Friday, 27 May 2022

(Monday, 2 May Bank Holiday

Half term 30 May – 3 June 2022

Summer Half Term 2

Monday 6 June – Tuesday, 19 July 2022

We have been very pleased at how quickly the overwhelming majority of students settled back in to working in school on their return from the last lockdown and we hope that this continues over the next term. We also hope that we are now coming to the end of what has been an unbelievably challenging period and that we can plan for a more normal school year in September. Whatever happens, please be assured that we will continue to always do our best to look after your daughter to ensure that she does the best she possible can during her time with us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Keen
Headteacher