

14 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Covid-19 and School Update – w/c 14 December

As we enter the last week we are able to reflect on the challenges faced this term, yet at the same time recognise that the whole school community spirit that has enabled us to work together to keep the school open for as many students as possible during this time. Since Monday 7 December we have had three Covid-19 student cases. There have been two cases in Year 11 and one of these cases did not result in students needing to self-isolate. There has also been one case in Year 12. There have been no further staff cases of Covid-19.

School Update

For January 2021, there will be a number of staffing changes that I would like to share with parent/carers. Mrs Willbourn, who has been our Executive Headteacher for the last 18 months, is moving to a new role within the Trust. I am very grateful for all the support and guidance Mrs Willbourn has provided the school with and hope parent/carers recognise that the school is now in a much stronger position. We look forward to welcoming Mr Hatley who will take over as our new Executive Headteacher.

After 15 years of incredible service to Welling School we are saying farewell to Mrs Crane, Director of Learning. Mrs Crane has led on SEN, Inclusion and Safeguarding for a number of years and in this role she has worked closely with a number of students and their families. We wish Mrs Crane all the very best for her very well earned retirement. The school is fortunate to have recruited Mrs Kallend who will take over similar responsibilities in the school. Mrs Kallend is currently a senior leader at another local secondary school and already has a strong understanding of how the school works with the Local Authority.

We have also appointed a new Deputy Head of Science Faculty, Mrs Amponsah and finally, Mr Bartlett will be reverting to his role as Head of Year 9. We have appointed Miss Jarvis who will take over as the new Head of Year 8.

Please can I remind all parent/carers that we finish for the Christmas break at the end of Thursday 17 December and that on Monday 4 January the school will be closed for an INSET Day. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 5 January.

I wish all of our families a safe and restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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