

Our Ref. MMC / DMB

16<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past 2 weeks have seen sixth form work with the National Citizenship Service to plan and take part in a whole range of activities and experiences. In doing so pupils have had the opportunity to develop their creative thinking, planning, organisational and team building skills. The icing on the cake is that they have been able to see their ideas come to fruition, culminating in a whole school festival (which has been Covid-10 safe). Every pupil has had the chance to listen to live music (even Elvis Presley, himself made an appearance!), access nail and hair stalls, bouncy challenges (gladiator style) and a coloured paint run. To help with the hot and welcome weather pupils were also treated to an ice cream. A thoroughly enjoyable festival- Thank you to Jodie Johnson, all staff supporting the festival and of course sixth form themselves.

We thought long and hard about the opportunities pupils have missed over the last 18 months and the impact this has had on 'rights of passage' most notably for our sixth form leavers. With that in mind Mrs Langford and the sixth form team performed a herculean task in making the 'Prom' for sixth form happen. Great detail went into risk assessing and organising the Prom, which took place on Thursday evening. The enjoyment students had on the evening was clear and made it really worthwhile. The speeches, as always, were emotional as students looked back on their Greenbank careers and the new chapters to come in their lives. It was lovely to hear pupils mention and thank so many staff for their support over the years and the impact it has had on them, notably Mr McManus, Mr Hamilton, Miss Badzire, Mr Stevenson and Anthea Jackson. Thank you Year 13, we all wish you the very best in your future endeavours. Take with you what you have learned and build on it to sustain the achievements you have already made.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Headteacher

Please find below a letter from Cheshire West and Chester in relation to changes in contact tracing arrangements from 19<sup>th</sup> July.



**Headteacher: Mr M. McCann**

## Re: Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July.

One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

This letter sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

### Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.

### Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

#### Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Test and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.
8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.
9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families, education and childcare settings have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done.