



28th February 2022

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

RE: Spring Half Term 2

I hope this letter finds you well having enjoyed a peaceful half-term break with your children.

We are all looking forward to a busy and successful half-term. Our Careers Week developed in partnership with NatWest and their clients on the south coast begins next week, followed by the Year 9 Future Focus Day and Options Evening on the 16th of March. Of course, we are all looking forward to the first school show since the pandemic began, with Grease running on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March. At the end of March into April, we welcome back our fine dining experience, working together with City College to offer our students an opportunity to experience a three-course meal.

This morning I had the pleasure of addressing our students and staff, discussing our priorities for this half-term. It is always a privilege to be able to speak to our community, outlining the expectations we should have from each other. Today, in addition to the usual messages, I discussed with our students the war in the Ukraine and our COVID control measures moving into the future. These were extremely important messages and I make no apologies for taking time out of the curriculum to address these issues with our young people. They need to know that this is a safe place for them to speak about their views, to be heard and if required to receive support.

The war in Ukraine

We have seen, read and heard of some horrendous stories coming out from the Ukraine since the Russian invasion of this sovereign nation last week. Today, I shared what is happening in the Ukraine verified from several media outlets combined with official statements from our foreign office and those of other Countries. Our school, our community stand in solidarity with the people of the Ukraine and I will be working with our young people on how we can turn words into actions by looking at how exactly we can help.

COVID-19 Protection Measures

I wanted to share with you the protection measures we will still be continuing with in school. We do so to help those who are clinically vulnerable to severe infection from COVID-19 and to maintain continuity of education for our young people. We will be reviewing these measures every 2 weeks.

1. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 5 full days, returning on the 6th day, if they feel well enough. Self-isolation is for those who are both asymptomatic and symptomatic.
2. We as a community will continue to test twice weekly. Whilst free LFD tests come to an end at the start of April, we are able to continue testing using the saliva testing programme until the end of June.
3. We will maintain the hand washing stations and sanitisers and encourage good hygiene.



4. We will continue to have all windows open and coats will remain on until better weather.
5. Face Coverings - are now optional.

I hope you will understand the reason for maintaining some control measures in school and you have my assurance that these will be kept tightly under review every two weeks.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this letter with me, please do not hesitate to email - headspa@cantell.co.uk

Warmest Regards,



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