



Prospect Hill, Whitby, North Yorkshire YO21 1LA
Tel: 01947 602406 | **Web:** www.ccwhitby.org | **Email:** post@ccwhitby.org

28 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with a couple of updates to bring to your attention before we get to the end of term.

Unfortunately, after a time of very low Covid case numbers in the local community, we are now seeing a rise which has started to impact the school. Last Friday we had a student with a positive test and therefore have had to send home a number of Year 7 students to self-isolate as a result of having been in close contact with the infected student. In order to try and minimise the spread of Covid, can I ask you to continue using Lateral Flow tests with your child twice a week, please? The take up of this was really strong when the process started back in March but not surprisingly, as cases have fallen to a low level, less Lateral Flow tests have been recorded. If we can catch any new cases early, we have a better chance of limiting the impact on the school.

We have a number of events planned for the rest of this term, eg Year 6 Transition, that are likely to be affected by the fact that Covid regulations were not ended on 19 June. We will look at each one and make a decision based on our school risk assessment and current Public Health guidelines. We will try to give as much notice in advance of any alterations or cancellations, but I'm sure you will understand that sometimes decisions have to be made at the last minute.

As I said in my last letter, we have been focusing on re-establishing routines this half term, and part of this has been a focus on uniform and ensuring that students are adhering to the guidelines set out in our existing uniform policy. I'm pleased to say that students have responded well to this and there has been a general improvement in appearance across the year groups. One persistent issue though continues to be skirts – the uniform policy states that these should be knee length, but many of the skirts currently being worn to school do not comply with this requirement. I think it would be unreasonable to ask for new uniform to be bought at this stage of the school year, but we would like to be in a position at the start of September in which we do have uniform right, including skirts that are knee length, so that sanctions can be avoided.

Our full uniform policy can be found on the Caedmon College website:

<https://www.ccwhitby.org/parents/uniform/>

On a positive note, we had a focused Year 10 Trial Exam week last week. Given that our Year 10 students have not had the exam hall experience before, they coped with it very well, and our Year 9s have made a positive start to their exams today.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Norden'.

Jon Norden
Interim Principal