

Dear Parents and Guardians

As the second half of the summer term begins I would like to thank you and your children and young people for continuing to play your part in preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Herefordshire and helping to keep our schools open.

With Government regulations easing, it may feel that schools should start to relax some of the measures but we have requested that schools continue to follow the COVID-19 safety measures for the next 6 weeks to keep students and staff safe and help them to remain open. We ask you to please continue to play your part and support your child's school by continuing to follow the measures below:

- Wear face coverings and social distance at drop off and pick up times.
- Stay at home and get a PCR test if you, or a household member, have a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste. To book your PCR test, please visit: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or phone 119.
- Take part in lateral flow testing 2 times per week if you are a parent or are a secondary school or college student. To order your tests to be delivered to your home or find your nearest test site, please visit: www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests
- Let your school know as soon as possible if you have a positive test result, either on a lateral flow or PCR test.

It is important that we all work together to keep the levels of COVID-19 cases low in our county. You can help with this by booking your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you are eligible. At the time of writing this letter anyone aged over 25 years can book a vaccination. To find more information on vaccinations and booking, please visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

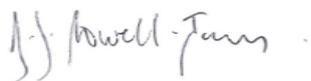
As society re-opens some areas in the UK are beginning to see COVID-19 cases rise again and some schools have had to close to stop the spread of the virus. Herefordshire schools are working extremely hard to keep their pupils in school for the final six weeks of the summer term. In order to do this, it may mean that decisions have to be made relating to school trips and sports days. It may be that some of these traditional events sadly cannot go ahead or they may look very different this year and we ask that you support your school with these tough decisions.

Finally, please remember to protect yourself and others by following the COVID-19 safety guidelines:

- Keep windows open
- Socialise outside where possible
- Follow the Hands, Face, Space guidelines
- Wear a face covering in public buildings and on public transport

Thank you for your continuing to play your part to keep Herefordshire safe.

Yours sincerely



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