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Dear Parent/Carer

Next week

It seems the Government think all schools have finished and have changed the rules for the summer. Decisions are changing from 19 July, but isolation rules do not change until the middle of August. For these reasons we are going to continue with the systems we have in place for the final three days of term. I know this can be frustrating as rules will be changing; however, we will have to follow current guidelines but can now start making changes for September. So, students will still require face coverings and all the other systems in school will remain the same.

Current cases

- We have had 1 further positive lateral flow result today from a year 8 student. Close contacts from this new case have been notified.
- 60 students in year 8 are self-isolating (We are still awaiting confirmation from the PCR test).
- Three students are having to self-isolate in year 10.
- 24 students are having to self-isolate in year 12.

Please continue to test students at the weekend to support the safety of everyone and the reduction in self-isolations. Early reporting of a positive case helps the school to organise and gather information of the close contacts quickly. Please see [here](#) for instructions on how to report a case.

Sponsored walk

Staff have worked very hard to extend opportunities to the students this week. It has been great see their happy faces. Finishing the week with the sponsored walk topped off a great week. As I held my lollipop to assist the students crossing the road, new job pending, it was a lovely reminder of what lovely students we have at the school. Despite the year we have had they are cheery and enjoying the day together.

Thank you for all your donations. We have exceeded the target of £5000 and the current total is £9,340 which is an incredible effort. The outdoor gym equipment costs £10,00 so this is awesome. Additional funds will support this and allow us to buy more equipment.

September 2021

You will receive a letter next week with full details about how the start of September will look like. I am just holding off until after the weekend in case things change.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

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