



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

12th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are already at the end of the second week of term, pupils have settled back into school and are working hard in class again.

We have had successful Parents' Evenings for Year 9 and Year 11, thank you to those parents who attended on line. Year 10 Parents' Evening is taking place on 15th November 2021, followed by Year 8 Parents' Evening on 23rd November 2021. We recommend that your son/daughter joins you for the on-line appointment with their teachers.

COVID and FACE COVERINGS

In my last letter, I mentioned we would continue to monitor the situation regarding face coverings. With infection rates still high in the local area, we have decided to continue with wearing face masks within certain areas of the school and holding assemblies on MS Teams until the end of term.

To help keep infections down within school, please can you encourage your child to continue with the following:

- Wear their face mask when moving around school and when sat in communal areas
- Sanitise their hands at the beginning and end of each lesson

Please can I remind you to encourage your child to bring a face covering from home into school. Since returning after half term, we are handing out a lot of disposable masks on a daily basis.

A separate attachment from Gloucestershire County Council, with information on ways to help protect your child at school, has been sent with this letter.

Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL BUSES

Please can you continue to remind pupils to wear face coverings whilst on buses travelling to and from school. We would also ask for pupils to maintain a consistent seat on the bus. Both of these measures are designed to help minimise the spread of COVID within the school population.

COVID VACCINATIONS IN SCHOOL

We have been notified by the NHS that they will be in school on **Friday 10th December 2021**, to administer the COVID vaccination to those pupils aged 12 and above who parents have given consent. We will be sending out a consent and information link on behalf of the NHS to parents in due course.

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SHADOW CURRICULUM

If your child is self-isolating and feels well enough to complete school work, the shadow curriculum can be found on the school website, or by clicking the following link

<https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/pupils/pupil-work/>

Should your child complete any work that has been set or requires further help, please ask them to contact either their tutor or subject teacher.

YEAR 11 UPDATE

Year 11 learners are starting to increase their preparation for this summer's examinations. The written mock examinations will run from Tuesday 30th November 2021 to Tuesday 7th December 2021. Mock practical examinations will take place from the week beginning 15th November 2021. Further details will be sent home shortly in a letter from Mr Morland and lessons are starting to focus on these important assessments and practicals.

I would like to wish our Year 11 pupils good luck with their mock examinations, that are taking place over the next few weeks, I know they have been working hard for them.

Once the mock examinations have been marked and the papers have been examined with pupils, we will be starting our after-school revision sessions. These will be open to all pupils who wish to attend and will be specifically targeted on key areas of subject content as well as examination technique. Further revision will be taking place within lessons as we move nearer to the summer examinations. In addition, we are currently running after-school catch-up for identified pupils. These pupils have been identified as being most in need of small-group intervention and are currently receiving sessions from their subject teachers. We also have a number of pupils receiving mentoring from staff during registration periods.

GCSE AWARDS EVENING

Unfortunately, due to the current high infection rates, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's GCSE Awards Evening. The event will instead be held virtually, Mr Morland and Mr Edwards will be sending out further information in due course.

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

As the winter approaches the field is now becoming very wet and muddy. Therefore, we have now closed the field, for the winter period, for general use as a social area by pupils. Pupils will still be able to use the hard surface areas at social times e.g. under the canopies, in the dining room, concourse, library, the tennis courts and the hard court. This restricts the social space available to pupils and they will need to ensure they act sensibly in these enclosed areas. There are many litter bins and recycle bins in the above areas, please ask your son/daughter to use them.

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The back gate in the top corner of the field and the side gate from the council site will remain open. Please encourage your son/daughter to keep on the hard paths from these gates to the school buildings and to avoid bringing mud into the buildings.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Please find attached information from Gloucestershire County Council, which they have asked us to share with you. It contains information about the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, which is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals, as well as the Holiday Activity Programme (HAP), which is grant funded and is open to children of any age.

For further information about the Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/>

PARKING IN NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREAS

We have had complaints from residents living in the near vicinity of dangerous parking when dropping children off at the beginning and then picking them up at the end of the school day. Can I please ask that you are mindful where you are stopping your vehicle during these times and that no residents' drives or pavements are blocked. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHILDREN IN NEED, NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday, 19th November 2021, in aid of Children in Need. Please can pupils come into school in suitable clothing and appropriate for the weather. A letter will be sent out with further information in due course.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Before half-term, a letter was sent out with information about becoming a Parent Governor. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact Mrs Bryant, Clerk to the Governors at rbryant@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

SCHOOL INSET DAY

There is a school Inset Day on Friday, 26th November 2021. Pupils are not required in school on this day and should return on Monday 29th November 2021.

As ever, thank you for your support and cooperation in helping school to run as smoothly as possible, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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