

Dear parents and carers

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our open evening next week. It should be a lovely evening and, having had to resort to a virtual version last year, we are very pleased to be able to run it in-person this time around.

However, mindful of rising numbers of Covid cases, we are writing to ask for your support with a few measures that should help us to maintain a sensible balance between keeping everybody safe and allowing people a full opportunity to explore the school.

Firstly, it is always an exceptionally busy evening and, under the current circumstances, we would really appreciate your support in helping us manage the numbers. We therefore ask that only <u>children in Year 6</u> and their parents/carers attend. In addition, where at all possible, we would like just <u>one adult</u> to accompany the Year 6 children.

Further to this, would like anyone over the age of 11 intending to come along to take a **lateral flow test** no more than 24 hours beforehand. Of course, nobody should attend if the result is positive or if they are displaying any Covid symptoms.

We would also like all adults to wear a **face covering** when sitting in the Hall for the Headteacher's talk. We appreciate that people will want to talk to students and staff as they move around the building so we do not expect face coverings to be worn all the time outside the Hall, though we would be grateful if people could still wear them where it can be done so without hindering effective communication.

The busiest 'pinch points' tend to be around the Hall at the time of the Headteacher's talks, especially the first one of the evening. With this in mind, we are putting on an additional talk to help spread numbers out. Talks will now take place at **5.30pm**, **6.15pm and 7pm** rather than the times originally advertised. Please note that the first talk is typically the busiest and so we recommend considering planning your evening around attending one of the later ones.

Finally, we will be keeping windows and doors open as far as possible to aid ventilation which may mean that parts of the building are a little cold. You may wish to bear this in mind when considering what to wear on the night.

We trust you understand why we are taking these measures and would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

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