

Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a good weekend. I have some important information to share with you, and a couple of reminders too.

Covid-19:

You will all be well aware by now that the number of positive cases of Covid-19 is on the rise; this is due to the Delta variant. We are aware that several schools in the local area have been affected by this in recent weeks. The information and guidance that we are receiving is telling us that with the Delta variant the most common symptoms are different to those originally associated with Covid-19. It is being reported that the most common symptoms are now **headaches, sore throats and runny noses**. We want to do all we can to try and avoid any potential transmission of the virus in school so if your child displays any of the original symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell) or any of the new symptoms please air on the side of caution, arrange a PCR test and keep your child off school until the result of the test is known. If your child is ill in any way and you are unsure what to do please contact us before bringing your child into school so that we can discuss this.

Please also see the guidance from Cheshire East and NHS at the end of this letter.

Consultation on the Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum:

On Wednesday we will be holding a consultation meeting regarding our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. I will be chairing the meeting and Mr Fowler (PSCHE subject lead), Mr Strefford (Vice Principal), Mrs Matthews (Chair of Highfields LAB), Mr Mann (Chair of Trust Board) and Mr Uttley (member of Trust Board) will also be attending. We hope that many of you will be able to join us too.

During the meeting we do not plan on going through the whole policy in detail or the scheme of work as this would take a long time. The policy, scheme of work, lesson plans and links to resources are available on the school website <http://www.highfieldsacademytrust.co.uk/page/relationships-and-sex-education/3772>. We will assume that if you are joining the meeting that you will have familiarised yourself with the policy and contents of the scheme of work. The purpose of the meeting will be to listen to your views about the

proposed scheme and these will then be taken into account when the Local Advisory Board consider the policy on 13th July.

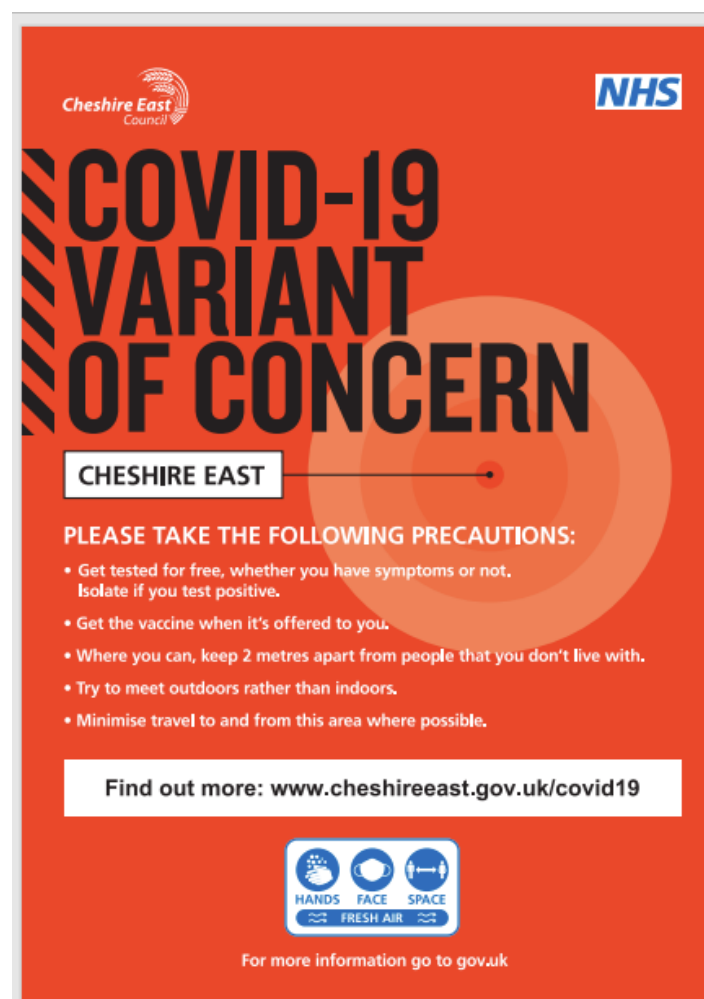
End of year reports:

On Friday 9th July you will receive a copy of your child's end of year report. Normally we then hold an open afternoon to provide you with the opportunity to come into school and discuss this with the class teacher. Unfortunately this is not possible this year but there will be the opportunity to arrange a telephone call with your child's teacher on the evening of 13th and 14th July if you wish. Times for phone calls will be booked in a similar way to our usual parent's evenings; further information on this will be sent to you next week.

Have a good week everyone, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Dyson
Principal



The poster is red with white and black text. At the top left is the Cheshire East Council logo, and at the top right is the NHS logo. The main title 'COVID-19 VARIANT OF CONCERN' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'CHESHIRE EAST' is in a white box. The text 'PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:' is in red. Below this is a list of six bullet points. At the bottom, a white box contains the text 'Find out more: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/covid19'. Below the box is a graphic with icons for 'HANDS', 'FACE', 'SPACE', and 'FRESH AIR'. At the very bottom, it says 'For more information go to gov.uk'.

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COVID-19 VARIANT OF CONCERN

CHESHIRE EAST

PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

- Get tested for free, whether you have symptoms or not. Isolate if you test positive.
- Get the vaccine when it's offered to you.
- Where you can, keep 2 metres apart from people that you don't live with.
- Try to meet outdoors rather than indoors.
- Minimise travel to and from this area where possible.

Find out more: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/covid19

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