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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you very much for all the support and kind wishes shared with the school over the last 10 days. Although the last week or so has been very sad and difficult for the whole school community, it has been wonderful to see how much everybody has cared for and supported each other. The maturity and compassion shown by Year 10 students in particular has been both humbling and uplifting to witness. Please do visit our website and Facebook page for the school's tribute to Ryan.

### **New Break and Lunchtime Arrangements**

On Friday we shared with students how we feel able to remove some of our Covid measures from today in line with the easing of restrictions nationally. Moving back to a single, whole-school break and lunchtime will significantly reduce the amount of corridor movement taking place outside classrooms whilst students are in lessons and hence inevitably lead to a better learning environment for all students. With Year 12 joining Year 13 in the e-Café, Years 7, 8 and 11 will be able to use the Dining Hall, with just Years 9 and 10 continuing to use the Break-Out Space in order that the Dining Hall is not too crowded whilst local Covid numbers are still relatively high. Out of fairness to Years 9 and 10 we will continue with the same food offer for now, with a return to our full menu planned for when we feel that all year groups can access the Dining Hall, which will hopefully not be too far away.

We are also re-starting our assemblies this week, with half-year groups in the Hall in the first instance. I'm sure that students, parents and staff are all excited that some of our former ways of working are now able to return after all that has happened since the spring of 2020.

### **Covid Test Results**

Just a reminder of the current position with regard to Covid tests:

- If a student returns a positive LFD test result without having any symptoms then they can begin their 5-day self-isolation immediately (with the day of the positive test result being Day 0).
- If a student is symptomatic then they should self-isolate immediately and go for a PCR test. If the PCR test result is positive then they should continue to self-isolate for 5 days (with the date of the onset of symptoms being Day 0).
- Self-isolation in both the above cases can be ended on Day 6 if a negative LFD test result is returned on both days 5 and 6. If LFD test results are still positive then self-isolation

should be continued until negative results have been returned on two consecutive days (or until Day 11 if LFD test results continue to be positive).

- Close contacts of positive cases do not need to self-isolate but should take a daily LFD test for 7 days after the 'close contact'.
- Please see [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) for full details on the above.

### **Appointments during the School Day**

Thank you to parents for trying to keep appointments out of school for students to a minimum so that learning time in lessons is not lost. Just a reminder that if a student does need to leave school for an appointment then we will require parental permission in advance in order for them to be able to leave the school building.

### **A56 Roadworks**

Parents travelling to school from Frodsham will have noticed that the roadworks due to the installation of a new cycle route along the A56 have now moved further away from school. Over the next few weeks the bus stop outside the caravan park will not be in use due to the roadworks and hence students should use the bus stop across the road from the front of school instead.

### **'A56 Corridor' Leisure Survey**

Please see [E-focus \(efocus-net.com\)](https://efocus-net.com) for a survey being run by Cheshire West and Chester to gather the views of local residents on leisure, health and well-being activities and library services along the 'A56 corridor' from Frodsham to Helsby.

Finally, a very warm welcome to Miss Phillips, who has joined the staff team at Helsby in the role of Teaching Assistant this month.

Best wishes,

Martin Hill  
Headteacher