

Parentmail 23.04.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your amazing hard work and efforts to help your children return to school after the Easter break. I will continue to communicate each week by Parentmail and please also check our website for more details.

God Bless.

Mrs Lennon

As the weather has improved, pupils will no longer be allowed to stay in classrooms over break and lunchtime from next week.

Covid Testing: Lateral Flow Testing at Home

You can now order test kits on line. We will be providing more tests over the coming weeks but if your son/daughter requires a lateral flow test kit please ask them to speak with their form tutors who will arrange this.

I include a reminder of the guidance around how to administer and log the results of the lateral flow test below.

Each box contains the items for 3 home tests and an instruction booklet. The following NHS video guidance is also useful in explaining how to conduct the test at home – <https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>.

It is advised that a test is conducted twice a week. We suggest the test is taken every Sunday and Wednesday evening. You are required to report the result of home lateral tests using the Covid-19 test result website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) regardless if the test result is positive, negative or void.

As a school, we are also asked to track this information, so we ask that you please complete the following form to log your child's result – <https://stjohnfisher.school/wp-content/Covid-Result-Login/>. This is so that we can keep a record and advise you of the next steps if needed. Your child will need to use their normal school 'log-in' to access the site and their normal school password.

These lateral flow tests are for students with no symptoms only. If your child develops symptoms at any time, such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they must immediately self-isolate, and you will need to book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirustest>.

If your child's result from a lateral flow test or a PCR test is positive, please ensure you contact the school's attendance officer immediately.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

Year 8 Online Options

Option choices

A polite reminder that Options Choices need to be made. Please visit our school website where you will find instructions to allow you to select options

It is our hope that we can support all students' selections, however, each course has a maximum and minimum number of student allocation. When options are over-selected, students will be allocated one of their reserve choices or an alternative option. Similarly, if choices are under selected, these options will not run and again students will be allocated a reserve choice or an alternative option.

Making the transition into Key Stage 4 and ensuring that your child has the best start to their GCSEs is extremely important to us, so I do hope that you will take the time to attend this event and listen to as many subjects as possible with your child. It is important to realise that the best grades possible will increase career options in the future.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Upper Site Reception and ask to speak to Mrs. Bennett, or email l.bennett@stjohnfisher.school

Retirement

After many years of dedicated service to the school Mr Malachy Curran and Mrs Ann Stanton-Wharmby are retiring at the end of this week.

Mr Curran has worked at the school for 15 years and Mrs Stanton-Wharmby has for just over 20 years. Both have worked as part of the SEN team supporting students in lessons as well as delivering additional support sessions after school. They have worked tirelessly with a wide range of students helping overcome barriers to learning and building both independence and self-confidence. They have been dependable, supportive and encouraging to so many students and staff during their time in the school and have led by their actions which embody the catholic ethos that underpins our school. They are always willing to help anyone who needs it and constantly display a happy smile and a positive outlook on life. They are both looking forward to enjoying some well deserved quality time with their families, children and grandchildren.

They have both made a lasting impression on the world through the lives of the hundreds of students they have taught and supported. Thank you and happy retirement!

An important message from Medway Council

PALMERSTON ROAD, CHATHAM – FROM KEYES AVENUE TO BOWLING CLUB ENTRANCE AND INCLUDING 50M INTO KITCHENER AVENUE – ROAD RESURFACING

I am writing to advise you that as part of Medway Council's programme of annual improvements, we are intending to undertake the work detailed above.

This will take place on Thursday 6th May 2021 for 9 days between 7am and 7pm. The extent of the work is shown on the attached plan.

These works are being undertaken as part of Medway Council's commitment to maintaining and improving the Highway Network. Further details of the Council's Annual Highway Improvement Programme can be found on the Council's website at www.medway.gov.uk/resurfacing

In making the decision as to when to carry out the work, various options were assessed, and the Traffic Manager agreed that the safest and most appropriate time was daytime. In order to undertake the work, a full road closure is required, including the suspension of on street parking, for the period of the planned work. Vehicle lifting equipment may be used to ensure the road space is available.

Information boards will be erected in advance, advising residents and road users, of the precise dates and times of the road closure. We will make every effort to complete the work within the dates given, however, dates may be subject to change if we experience poor weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances arise. The information boards will be updated to advise you of any minor delays to the works. In addition, if there are any significant delays which affect our programme, we will advise you via an updated letter.

Resurfacing works are by their nature noisy and it would be expected that higher levels of noise will be experienced during the works. Every effort will be made to keep the disturbance and site noise to a minimum, but we do appreciate the inconvenience that this noise may cause. If you require access to your property whilst we are undertaking this work, please ask the contractors on site for assistance.

Whilst carrying out this essential works, our contractor will implement special measures and take extra precautions to keep our workforce safe in line with COVID-19 requirements. These include, but are not limited to, additional welfare facilities being provided on site and the provision of personal protective equipment such as cleansing products to our workforce colleagues. We will also adhere to social distancing requirements as much as is practically possible as part of our working practices.

I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during these works and should you require any further information, or have any special needs to take into consideration, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully

Becky Walsh

Engineer