



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you all for your continued support of the school upon our return this academic year. It has definitely been a different start to the year than usual. However, we are pleased that our students are getting the most normal experience of education that we can provide in these challenging times. Please note that we review our systems each week as we continue to take steps to enhance the daily experience for our students.

Drayton Manor has had no positive cases within the staff or student body at the time of writing. However, we are aware that there are schools dealing with positive cases, made more difficult by the scarcity in testing. If and when there is a case, Drayton Manor will be guided by the DfE and Public Health England on our next steps to ensure that the spread within the community is minimised. As always, it is important to us that we are as prepared as we possibly can be, therefore today we have been undertaking our own pilot 'Track and Trace' to ensure we are suitably prepared.

Covid 19 Symptoms

You should also be aware of symptoms of COVID-19 - fever greater than 37.8, new persistent cough, lack of change of taste/smell, and make sure that if anyone in your household develops these symptoms, they stay at home and ask for a coronavirus test as soon as possible. You should also promptly inform the school.

Within the school day, if a student develops any of these symptoms, they will be looked after by a member of staff in a specially dedicated zone until we are able to contact you.

Contacting the school

Please call the attendance team and ensure that you give accurate information on the following

- When symptoms started
- if a child has a fever, the recorded temperature should be given

If anyone in your household develops any of these symptoms they need to stay at home (10 days for the person with symptoms and 14 days for the rest of the household). **Do not send your child to school during this time or any siblings within the household.** The person with symptoms should access testing via the NHS testing website or by phoning 119. Do not wait, ask for a test as soon as possible after the symptoms start. Please inform the school as promptly as possible at every stage.

Student learning during isolation for symptoms or quarantine following travel

Students who are required to self-isolate should notify the school as soon as possible. Mr Johnston (Assistant Head) will ensure that they are added to the 'Virtual Study and Tutor

Group' which is located on Microsoft Teams. All new students in Year 7 and 12 have been given log-ins and an initial induction. In the meantime, I would ask all parents and carers to ensure your child is able to access Microsoft Teams and notify us if you are unable or require assistance. Students will be expected to attend Virtual Tutor every morning at 8.55 where the teacher will talk through their work and how to access it. This Tutor will also be a point of contact for queries regarding their learning throughout the day.

Student study in the event of a lockdown

In the event of a full or partial lockdown, students will follow their timetable through Microsoft Teams. We will share further details about this in due course.

Student Leadership

As a school, we have a well-established culture of Student Leadership. We were delighted to elect our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Prefects back in July. These esteemed positions are held by members of the Sixth Form as the most senior students in the school.

I am pleased to announce that we will shortly be electing and appointing students into the following posts from all year groups across the school:

- Year Council Representatives (Two from each Tutor Group)
- School Council Representatives (Two from each Year Council Group)
- Wellbeing Ambassadors (Two from each Year group)
- House Captains (Two from each Year group)
- Society Prefects (Sixth Form)
- Subject Ambassadors (Sixth Form)

This is the first time for many years that the school will be electing House Captains. House Captains take a leading role in the life of the school, with a particular focus on enrichment, organising competitions and developing and the school's role within the community. Every student, member of staff and members of the Governing Board are members of a house. Our houses and their mottos are as follows

Phoenix	-	<i>The power to rejuvenate</i>
Caladrius	-	<i>The power to support others through hardship</i>
Griffin	-	<i>The power to be courageous</i>
Pegasus	-	<i>The power to make positive change</i>

We will be sharing details with students next week, but in the meantime, we encourage you to talk to your child about the prospect of applying for one of the student leadership positions if you feel they would enjoy and benefit from the opportunity. Please see the attached summary sheet.

It has been fantastic to have all seven year groups in school over the last three weeks. I thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Ms L Mills
Head Teacher