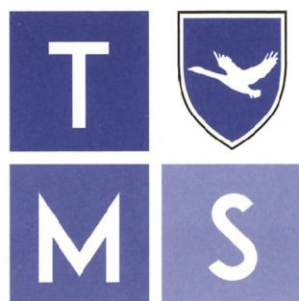


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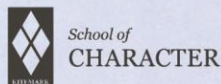
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30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 10 Students

Following four confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the year group and following advice and guidance from The Department for Education and Public Health England today, we have made the difficult decision to ask **Year 10 to remain at home**, accessing remote lessons in line with their normal timetable. **Students will return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** but should complete a lateral flow device test on Sunday night to confirm they are COVID free. If your child cannot remember how to complete the test, please use [this link](#) that demonstrates the whole process.

We have not taken this decision lightly, the health and wellbeing of all students and staff is always our top priority. Our Remote Education Plan which worked extremely well during lock down will ensure that teaching and learning continues in the best way possible for seven school days. Students will receive email invitations for their remote lessons starting tomorrow (Wednesday).

If you have received a letter stating that your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case, it is important for your son/daughter to continue to isolate until the stated date. It is not necessary for other students to isolate and they should be accessing their remote lessons throughout the school day as directed by their class teachers. Guidance on accessing learning from home can be found at the end of this letter.

Year 10 students will be expected to attend the Daily Pastoral Briefing delivered by Miss Foulser, Pastoral Leader for Year 10. Remote lesson invites will be sent via email and students will be expected to be logged-on and accessing these briefings at 9.00 am every morning. Important messages will be delivered in these briefings and instructions for the day will be given. As normal, our high standards of behaviour and conduct will be insisted upon during these daily briefings and in all live lessons. I know we can count on your support with this.

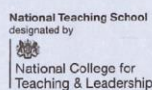
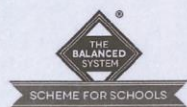
Mrs Richardson will be available at various points throughout the school day via email and phone.

Miss Foulser, Year 10 Pastoral Leader:

[Louise.foulser@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Louise.foulser@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk)

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Mrs Gately will also be available to contact throughout the day should your son or daughter be supported by The Malling School SRP:

[ruth.gately@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ruth.gately@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk)

Please be assured that we will do everything we can to ensure your child is supported on both an academic and pastoral level during this period of enforced lockdown. Do not hesitate to contact us should there be any additional support that you feel your child needs.

### Accessing Remote Learning

In order to support students with their learning whilst at home, subject teachers will contact students via their school email with instructions on how to access virtual learning. This will include links to live lessons, accessed by clicking the link that is sent.

Students also have immediate access to the Virtual School which contains folders for each subject where their teachers will upload work with instructions for students to complete at home where applicable. This can be accessed through [www.office.com](http://www.office.com), login with your usual username (e.g. [20NotherA@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk](mailto:20NotherA@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk)) and password then click on 'TEAMS' and the Virtual School for your year group. Once in the Virtual School Team, you will need to click on 'Files' and then 'Home learning week beginning 21Jun21' to access the resources. Teachers may also send lesson resources and links directly to students' email addresses.

### What to do in the event of a positive LFD test:

- Home test results should be reported through the [online form](#), or by following the instructions on page 15 of the guidance booklet.
- If you register a positive result, the NHS will provide guidance on the next steps. This currently involves booking a confirmatory PCR test. Click [here](#) to book your PCR test.
- If you register a positive result, please inform the school by completing the [online form](#). This can also be found on the homepage of our school website.

If your child tests positive, has COVID-19 symptoms or is identified as being a close contact with a confirmed case, they will be required to isolate in line with government guidance. If this occurs please inform the school by completing the [online form](#). This will allow us to carry out tracing of close contacts within the school, arrange for work to be sent home to your child and provide meal vouchers for FSM students as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and students for their continued support through this challenging period. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further guidance or support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Vennart  
Headteacher