

9th September 2020

Dear families

Swimming Pool

Following my letter to you all about works around the school, I am sorry to have to report that the pool is not yet ready for use. We are doing our utmost to get the work completed as soon as possible and hope that the pool will be ready for use towards the end of next week.

In the meantime I am aware that some students require access to a pool as part of their EHCP; I am in the process of trying to find a hydrotherapy pool which these students can access. I will do my best, but in these unusual times restrictions on accessing outside organisations may mean that this won't be possible. I am sure you understand and will bear with me on this.

Covid-19 and returning to school

The link below will take you to the gov.uk website; it is a letter from Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders explaining in more detail the process for testing and shielding of pupils. A test appointment can be booked online or by calling 119.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders>

A brief extract from the guidance is below:-

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

If you require any more information or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Please rest assured that we are doing all we can to ensure everyone's safety. I will continue to update you as and when the guidelines change.

Yours sincerely



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