



# Chellaston Academy

Integrity Care Excellence

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear parents and carers

Good afternoon from Chellaston Academy. I hope that you are safe and well.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is an INSET Day and school will be closed to students. As school reception will have limited coverage, telephone calls are unlikely to be answered. However, email will be monitored throughout normal school hours. Please use [contactus@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) if you need to get in touch with us.

During Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and over the October half-term holiday, urgent safeguarding concerns can be reported using the email address [group-safeguardingteam@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:group-safeguardingteam@chellaston.derby.sch.uk). More information about reporting safeguarding concerns during school holidays can be found on our website at <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/our-academy/safeguarding/>.

Please see the link to view a letter to all parents and carers from Dr Robyn Dewis, Director of Public Health [here](#). In this letter, Dr Dewis outlines the current situation with Covid-19 cases in Derby and asks for the support of parents and carers in managing the current situation. Dr Dewis has asked all Derby schools to consider further measures to help reduce the current levels of Covid-19 across the city, most of which we have already implemented at Chellaston Academy. We are currently considering a change to our procedure around identification of close contacts and I will update all students, parents and carers on this at the start of next half-term, should this change. You can also find a letter from the School Age Vaccination Team, highlighting a Covid-19 'catch-up' vaccination programme for over the half-term holiday [here](#).

Our Covid-19 preventative measures that we introduced two weeks ago have been very successful and we have seen the number of positive cases falling for all year groups. The wearing of face masks in school and on school transport will continue when students return from holiday on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Assemblies and staff meetings will also continue remotely via Microsoft Teams and we will review this approach again early next half-term. We have received a new batch of lateral flow device tests, which have been distributed to students this week. These tests are slightly different to those students have taken so far, as they require a nasal swab only.



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Twice-weekly home testing will continue for the foreseeable future, including during the holiday, to help keep cases of Covid-19 down. A lateral flow test should be undertaken on the evening prior to returning to school to ensure any asymptomatic positive cases can be identified.

Like most schools currently, our day-to-day operations remain challenging. However, our students and staff have shown excellent determination and resilience despite these challenges and we are extremely proud of them.

Over the half-term holiday period, there are lots of events organised for young people and families in Derby. Derby Quad, for example, are running various activities, which can be found at the link [here](#). Many of these activities are free of charge.

Finally, congratulations again go to our Year 11 Girls Netball Team. Last week I wrote to parents and carers informing you that they had secured a silver medal in the regional finals. This week, they were crowned champions in the city. A fabulous achievement!

I would like to wish all students, staff, parents and carers a restful, relaxing and safe half-term break. Thank you for your continued support.

Very best wishes,

Mr R Metters  
Headteacher