



Parent Briefing: Friday 22nd October

As we come to the end of this half term it is a time, as always, for reflection. At the start of the new school year in September we knew that we were certainly not 'over' the pandemic; the mass testing regime in schools was a symbol of this if nothing else. As the half term has progressed and with positive cases affecting numbers of our student population, the impact of Covid-19 has continued. Nonetheless, with the change in guidance over close contacts, the numbers of students out of school has, as you would expect, been much reduced compared to last year.

The balance of operating normally whilst seeing positive cases in the community has provided some difficulties, but it has also meant that we have been able to provide staff and students with opportunities that were not able to do last year. Our Student Leaders have led from the front in our Open events for prospective Year 7 students, our school sports teams have been back on the road successfully in their matches against other schools, we have been able to start up some of our after school clubs such as STEM and the Strategy club, the rehearsals for our production of Romeo and Juliet have been able to begin and our Post 16 students have had a range of external visitors and speakers in for their Enrichment afternoon on Wednesdays. These are just a few things that have happened in the last few weeks.

Yesterday we had a photographer in school to take some refreshed images for our website and other materials. He was here for the full day and members of the Leadership team escorted him around the entire school site. There were so many wonderful, purposeful learning activities going on and the day really highlighted the best of Crawshaw. That was followed this morning by me and other members of the Leadership team delivering this week's positive postcards for students who are upholding and evidencing our Crawshaw Values – there were so many that we had to run an extra 'delivery round' – it was excellent. So, in summary, despite the pandemic still exerting its influence, it has been a positive first half term and we look forward to returning with further success when the next half term starts in a week's time.

VACCINATIONS (MOP-UPS)

a) COVID-19:

Attached to this email is a letter for those students aged 12-15 that were unable to attend on the day for their Covid vaccinations, or for those whose parents missed the consent cut off.



The NHS are offering a week over half term for a walk-in service at the Elland Road Park and Ride site 8:00 am till 18:30 pm Monday to Friday. Please see the letter for full details.

b) YEAR 8 HPV:

For any Year 8 pupils who missed their HPV Dose 1 vaccination at the school session, please note the School Immunisation Team will contact you in due course via a text message to offer an invitation to attend a community clinic. No action will be needed until you receive this text message. If you have any queries, please contact The School Immunisation Team on 0113 8433101.

CRAWSHAW POST 16 INFORMATION WEBINAR (SEPT 2022 INTAKE)

Year 11 Parents received a letter this week detailing our Post 16 information webinar on the 3rd of November at 4.30. This will be a chance for Parents and students to hear what is on offer at the Crawshaw/Priesthorpe partnership for Post 16. All of Year 11 will receive an invite through Teams and we look forward to seeing you then.

TALK THE TALK WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 7

We are looking forward to the Talk the Talk workshop that Year 7 students will be participating in on Friday 5th November. It is part of our focus to continue to develop students' oracy skills and communication confidence to support positive interaction in all life situations. Talk the Talk have worked with our students for a number of years and we are pleased that our current year 7 will also benefit from the workshop.

PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM

Uniform

Please can parents use this half term holiday to replace and refresh any items of uniform. Students should be fully equipped with all the correct uniform and equipment from the first Monday back in November.

Footwear

Please pay particular attention to ensure that shoes match our uniform policy – trainers are not acceptable. If there is inclement weather, students may choose to walk to school in alternative footwear and then change into appropriate school footwear on arrival.

Coats

As we have had some poorer weather during the last week, both wetter and colder, we do ask parents to remind students that they should wear a coat to school on those days. They will be required to line up on the drive ahead of their entry times into the buildings,



and alternatives, such as wearing a hoody under their blazer, are not going to help keep them dry and risks them having a uniform infringement inside the building.

Hair colour and piercings

Please can we remind parents about our expectations over hair colour (hair must not be dyed in bright colours with only natural colours acceptable) and piercings (one plain stud per ear. No additional piercings are allowed. Facial piercings must be removed.).

If you need a reminder about any of our uniform expectations, it can be found here: <https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/About-Us/School-Uniform/>

COVID-19 OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN MEASURES

We will be continuing with our current mitigation measures on our return after half term until further notice. Face coverings are:

- a) strongly recommended to be worn by all staff and students when moving around the school, such as on corridors and when in indoor communal areas (such as the canteen, when not eating or drinking).
- b) strongly recommended to be worn in classrooms by ALL students.

We will also continue with 'virtual' assemblies rather than whole year group or full House assemblies. We will, however, run smaller in-person assemblies or events as required.

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING

Please continue to ensure that your child(ren) continue to test twice weekly - **this should continue until further notice**. Most positive cases have initially been picked up by LFD testing. This has meant that a child has not been in school, often for a number of days whilst being infectious but before symptoms show (if they do at all). This, obviously, reduces the number of other individuals who come into contact with them during their infectious period which, in turn, reduces disruption to learning for the school.

Results of LFD tests should be recorded on Arbor and the NHS App. **Contact us if your child has tested positive on a Lateral Flow Device test and book a follow up PCR test** immediately. You must also tell us the result of any PCR tests, including the date that the NHS have indicated that your child can come out of isolation and return to school.

A reminder that **we will request that PCR tests are undertaken should a child begin to display symptoms in school, or it is reported to us that they are displaying the typical symptoms** which include, but are not limited to, a persistent cough and a high temperature.



KITCHEN @ CRAWSHAW

The menus for the week after half term are shown below.

MENU 2 w/c 01/11/21	Kitchen@Crawshaw				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE £2.10	CHINESE BUFFET Chicken chunks Crispy beef Mushroom foo yung (gl)(eg)(mk)	STEAK PIE 24-hour slow cooked beef with Chunky veg and gravy topped with a short crust pastry, served with baked potatoes wedges, and seasonal veg. (gl)(eg)	HAM AND CHEESE PANINI Ham & cheese melted in a toasted panini (gl)(mk)	BEEF DINNER 3 Dales beef served with house potato, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding & gravy (gl)(eg)(mk)	CLASSIC FISH & CHIPS Hand battered fish, chunky chips, mushy peas, tartar sauce (gl)(fsh)(mst)(eg)
MAIN TWO £2.10	Salt and pepper chips Seaweed Chow Mein Fried rice (eg)(ses)(soy)(gl)	CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP Chicken strips in a tortilla wrap with cool mayo, shredded lettuce & tomato. Served with baked potato wedges & chopped salad (h)(gl)(mst)(eg)	MEAT FEAST PASTA Chunks of chicken, pepperoni, bacon & mini meatballs in a creamy tomato sauce (gl)(mk)(eg)(sd)	BANGERS & MASH Locally sourced sausages, served creamy mashed potato, onion rings, seasonal vegetables Yorkshire pudding & lashings of gravy (gl)(sd)(mk)	POPCORN CHICKEN Served with chunky chips, sweetcorn and BBQ sauce (gl)(h)(soy)
MAIN THREE £2.10	Sweet and sour sauce Curry sauce Prawn crackers (mk)	GOAN VEGETABLE CURRY Coconut & warm aromatic spices, create this hot tangy Goan local favourite (v)(ve)	FOUR CHEESE RAVIOLI Filled pasta coked in our homemade sauce served with garlic bread (gl)(mk)(eg)	VEGGIE COTTAGE PIE Quorn mince cooked with seasonal vegetables and gravy topped with mashed potato, served with butter greens (v)(soy)	VEGETABLE PIZZA Homemade pizza bases with our homemade tomato sauce, peppers, onions and mozzarella cheese, oven baked, served with chunky chips (gl)(mk)(v)
DAILY £1 £1.50/£1.95	Sandwiches, jacket potatoes Salads, pasta pots	Sandwiches, jacket potatoes, Salads, pasta pots	Sandwiches, jacket potatoes, Salads, pasta pots	Sandwiches, jacket potatoes, Salads, pasta pots	Sandwiches, jacket potatoes, Salads, pasta pots

Kind regards

Robin Ghosal
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COVID-19: LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING: Home Testing for Students:

The LFD tests done at home have proved to be an effective screen for students that do not have any symptoms.

Below are some of the key points to remember about the LFD testing:

- LFD testing is ONLY for individuals who have no symptoms. **If your child has symptoms, then you must book a PCR test.**



- students should test twice weekly on a Sunday night / Monday morning and Wednesday night / Thursday morning.
- a student should continue to undertake their LFD tests **even if they are self-isolating as a close contact**.
- a child should **not** do an LFD test if it is within 90 days of a positive PCR test or date of first infection.
- If you do get a positive result from a home LFD test you will then need to get a full PCR test to confirm this (and if the PCR test is negative students can return to school).
- We must have a record of the result of each test that a student does. Please add this via the Arbor Parent Portal <https://crawshaw-academy.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> or the Arbor App.
- Each test must be logged with the NHS following the instructions in the leaflet / email.