

Dear parents, carers and students,

Lateral Flow Testing – A Few Reminders:

Please remember that Lateral Flow Testing needs to continue during the Easter holidays. Students should be completing a LFT test on:

Sunday 28th March

Wednesday 31st March

Sunday 4th April

Wednesday 7th April

Sunday 11th April

I know it's rather irritating, but please could you remember to log your results on the NHS website and on the school website. Thank you!

Current Public Health England guidance states if a member of staff or a student receives a positive Lateral Flow Test, that they should seek a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible. Whilst they await the outcome of the PCR test, they need to self-isolate as do their close contacts.

Unfortunately, self-isolation has to be sustained by close contacts, regardless of whether or not they also undertake a PCR test or have a recent negative LFT. Self-isolation, can only cease when a negative PCR test is recorded for the person with the original positive LFT.

It is reassuring that despite undertaking almost 3000 LFTs, we have only recorded one positive result and I would like to thank everyone for their participation in this scheme, which is another strand in keeping "Team Sherburn" safe and in school.

Mis-Use of Social Media

It is with great sadness and dismay that I write to you about a very serious mis-use of social media. I am aware that a small number of students have created Instagram accounts, which have posted slanderous comments about staff and students. The accounts have not only discredited individuals but they represent the very worst form of cyber-bullying; the type of which is not tolerated by Sherburn High School.

You have my absolute assurance that the matter is being thoroughly investigated and legal advice is being sought. No-one, should have to work or study in a school where this form of abuse is accepted. We work incredibly hard to educate our students to have a mind to be kind – this is not kindness and I know that the vast majority of "Team Sherburn" are as upset by this as I am.

I'd like to thank all parents/carers who have contacted me to bring this to my attention and for the support I know everyone will give in ensuring that we all use social media appropriately.

Uniform

We understand that purchasing the correct school uniform has been challenging due to current restrictions. After the Easter holidays we would expect students to be wearing the Sherburn school uniform as shown on the [school website](#).

What do Red and White have in common?

No, this isn't a continuation of our jokes from Red Nose Day. White has been the symbol of the stand against violence towards women our male members of staff and students have taken this

week in line with the White Ribbon campaign. To support this campaign, today some female students and staff have worn something red.

The conversations, debate and reflection undertaken by staff and students in relation to this topic reflect the commitment that our staff and students have in making this world a better place for all.

This concern about the world was shown last Friday – from the jokes and donations to Comic Relief; it felt so good to be doing something positive and non-Covid related!

Super Six Lucky Dip Winners!

Another thing that felt so good to be back doing was visiting classes for Super Sixes – it's amazing to see how many students have returned to school with outstanding Attitudes to Learning.

For this week's Lucky Dip winners Easter came early; congratulations to Marcus Qareqare, Izzy Haxby, Liam Lazenby, Lennon Hall, Libby Bailey, Max Roberts, Daniel Harrison, Ethan Maddox, Alisha Bell and Amy Jo Cobb.



And finally...

There has been a lot in the media and news this week along the lines of “A year ago today...” and on Tuesday, as the school joined in with the national minute of reflection, it hit home what this last year has been like for us all. Re-reading my letters home in March 2020, I was struck by the journey we have been on – who would have thought that we would have learnt what a Google Classroom was, become dab hands at “G-meets”, Lateral Flow Testing, remote learning and even learnt that it doesn't snow in a Google Classroom! But, the real learning, has been how strong we are as Team Sherburn and as I have been throughout the last year, I end this term incredibly proud of the Team and incredibly grateful for your support.

I hope you all have a very healthy and happy Easter break. I look forward to a summer term, filled with optimism and the chance to plan for a return to even greater “normality” for our students.

Yours sincerely,

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