

**FRANK WISE
SCHOOL**

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Dear Families,

Tuesday 20th July 2021

As we approach the end of another school year, we just wanted to take an opportunity to say thank you to you all and indeed the wider school community for the support we have received in what has been an extraordinary year. We really have appreciated your understanding and patience as we navigated this period of uncertainty and disruption.

We also wanted to pay tribute to the pupils, who have managed to cope with the changes we have had to put in place but continued to make progress towards their educational priorities. They really have done exceptionally well and you should be very proud of them.

In terms of plans for September, we will be considering the new guidance for schools carefully and evaluating what will need to be in place for the start of the academic year, balancing the need to maximise the safety of the staff and pupils, whilst minimising disruption to learning. We intend to write to you all towards the end of August, when hopefully things will be a little bit clearer.

One of the aspects of the current arrangements that we anticipate remaining in place, is the need for staff, and those pupils who are able to and are in Year 7 or above, to continue to systematically test themselves twice a week using Lateral Flow Devices. If you have already enrolled your child in this process then you will have been provided with sufficient tests to see you through the Summer and further supplies will be made available in the Autumn Term. If you have not enrolled your child, but would like them to participate from September, then tests can be ordered online through the NHS for use during the Summer holidays and we can add you to the system within school from September. Further information can be found here relating to the process of using school supplied tests: <https://frankwise.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Home-Testing-letter-for-families.pdf>

We are also aware that children over the age of 12 who are considered to be vulnerable to Covid-19 are going to be offered the vaccine. It has been stated, "At the current time, children 12 to 15 years of age with severe neuro-disabilities, Down's syndrome, underlying conditions resulting in immunosuppression, and those with profound and multiple learning disabilities, severe learning disabilities or who are on the learning disability register are considered at increased risk for serious COVID-19 disease and should be offered COVID-19 vaccination". Further details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-of-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17-years-jcvi-statement/jcvi-statement-on-covid-19-vaccination-of-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17-years-15-july-2021>

We also need to let you know that the school's email system will be unavailable between 28th July and 2nd August whilst we transfer from our current system to a new one. As such, emails sent during this time will not be received.

Lastly, but no means least, we would like to wish you all a pleasant Summer break and hope that whatever you have planned, you manage to do the things you want to do without too much disruption.

Take care and best wishes,

Heidi Dennison and Simon Knight
Joint Headteachers