



*Striving for Excellence*

# Cirencester Kingshill School

*Head: Christine S. Oates*

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations and thank you to our whole school community; pupils, staff and all of their families. We have made it through to half term, and we are so proud and grateful for the way in which you have all tackled the very strange circumstances that we have found ourselves having to teach and learn in. It is my hope that by maintaining our timetable through MS Teams based lessons, we have been able to provide not only continuation of learning, but some sense of normality and structure for pupils, and we have also taken some of the pressure felt by parents through the previous lockdown away. There is no denying that it has been tough on us all, with more screen time than any of us would like, and the lack of real face to face contact being missed by us all. However, it is my sincere hope that we will hear some positive news about the return to school for pupils when we come back from the break, and that we will soon be writing to you all with a plan for your child to return to school.

## **Remote learning - safeguarding**

We continue to be exceptionally grateful for the support that parents and carers are providing pupils whilst they are required to learn from home. We have unfortunately however had an isolated incident in school this week, whereby a parent used the public pupil chat function during a lesson to communicate with a teacher, the same parent also spoke directly with pupils when the teacher had left at the agreed point at the end of the lesson.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that this is not an acceptable way for parents or carers to conduct themselves during their child's lesson, or to communicate with teachers. We respectfully ask that if a parent or carer has any concerns about their child or any aspect of home learning, they contact the appropriate subject teacher or Mr Pritchard, Deputy Headteacher, via email in the first instance. We have already taken measures in school to prevent a reoccurrence of this happening, but we thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

## **Pupil return to school**

We continue to wait and see what will be happening regarding pupil returns to school in person from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. In the meantime, teachers will be reassuring their classes that we will not be springing any big assessments on them as and when they do return. The focus will be very much on reintegration and the re-establishment of our routines as we did after the last lockdown in 2020. As a school, our focus will be on positivity in school.

## **Pupil recognition**

As the hard work of our pupils has continued, so the postcards home have kept flowing. We have now sent over 1000 postcards to well-deserved pupils. Well done and thank you to all of our pupils for your continued hard work this half term.

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## Contact tracing over half term for pupils attending school in person

As a reminder, please can we ask Parents/Carers of those pupils who are currently attending school in person, to inform the school if your child is confirmed as having COVID-19 if their symptoms developed **within 48 hours** of last being in school this week (up to 3:10pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021). Please also advise us if your child was not symptomatic, but tested positive **within 48 hours** of last being in school.

If you need to notify school of a positive case of COVID-19 **between 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**, please email [sgardiner@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sgardiner@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk)

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since last being in school, the school **should not** be notified. You should then follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If your child currently attends school in person and receives a positive test result for COVID-19 **after 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**, or is required to self-isolate for a period of time that will affect their ability to return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, please contact school at the beginning of term by calling 01285 651511 and select option 1, or email [attendance@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk) Please provide the date that you expect your child to return.

## Year 9 Reports, KS4 Options and Parents' Evening

Parents and carers of Y9 pupils should now have received packs through the post containing your child's report and also the KS4 Options Booklet. Please read through the booklet carefully with your child ahead of returning their KS4 Options choices **by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

We look forward to speaking to parents and carers of Y9 pupils at their Parents' Evening which will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. This will be the first time we have used the new online Parents' Evening platform, and I hope that it goes well for all involved.

All that remains for me to say at this point, is please enjoy a well-earned break from school next week, stay safe and well, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to their online lessons on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

Thank you for your continued support this term, it is very much appreciated by all of us in school.

Yours sincerely,

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