



*Striving for Excellence*

# Cirencester Kingshill School

*Head: Christine S. Oates*

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **COVID-19 UPDATE – LAST WEEK OF TERM**

As you will have seen, we have unfortunately had a positive case of COVID-19 in our school this week. All of the pupils and staff who have been in close contact with the infected person have been asked to self-isolate in line with current guidelines.

As a result of this case, and with only one week of school remaining this year, we are desperately keen to keep as many of our pupils and staff in school next week as possible. We have a lovely calendar of events planned for the pupils, with celebration assemblies, fun non-timetable activities and a general plan of enjoyment to thank our whole school community for their hard work and resilience throughout this very strange year.

Obviously we will continue to follow the government guidelines in place for the remainder of term, and where necessary insist that pupils and staff self-isolate as necessary should they come in to close contact with an infected person. However, we are trying to do all that we can to minimise the need for this, by trying to identify cases at the very earliest opportunity.

We will therefore be sending home a box of Lateral Flow Device testing kits with all pupils on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We would urge all parents and carers to support the school's efforts in protecting our community by testing your child every day for the last week of term. If your child's test returns a positive result, please contact the school immediately so that we can assess the potential impact on the rest of school and advise you of next steps. Additionally, if your child displays any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 (details of which can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>), please do not send them to school, please follow the guidance to book a PCR test. Details of how to do this can also be found on the link above.

Thank you for your continued support with our management of the COVID-19 virus in school. We cannot control this alone and are very grateful for all that parents and carers are doing to help.

As always, if you have any questions related to the above or need to discuss anything related to your child's schooling, please feel free to contact their tutor, Head of Year, Head of Key Stage or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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