

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. This week in year team groups, Mr Knox has been encouraging students to make sure that they are prioritising looking after their own wellbeing, by taking three easy steps;

- Get moving – ensure that you do some physical activity every day.
- Eat well – reduce the proportion of unhealthy snacks and try to eat a balanced diet.
- Remember to stay connected with friends and family.

Please encourage your child to take these steps and model them yourselves if you can. Being in a national lockdown means that we have a greater challenge to face than normal. We hope that if our students can follow these three simple steps, they will support themselves to structure their day effectively and remain positive and focused.

### Do you live or work in W7 or W13?

Ealing Council is asking residents living and working in parts of Hanwell and West Ealing to get a COVID-19 test, whether they have symptoms or not, after a local resident tested positive for the South African strain of the virus.

The individual is understood to have been tested for the virus at the end of December despite not having travelled to South Africa or been in contact with anyone else who had. The person, who is not being identified, is being praised for following all public health guidance and self-isolating. They have now made a full recovery.

We are asking all residents over the **age of 16** living or working in the area that borders Hanwell and West Ealing town centres and adjacent areas, who do not have symptoms to take a PCR COVID-19 test which is laboratory analysed.

*This is to understand if this strain is present and to contain any further cases in the area. The aim is to test as many people as possible living in the area at least once in the next couple of weeks.*

This information will help NHS Test and Trace find new cases and suppress it to better protect the local community. This activity will also help to inform the national response in other areas.



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To support this testing, a walk-through mobile testing unit for people without symptoms is being set up at Dean Gardens Car Park, Leeland Terrace, West Ealing, W13 9DA to make testing as convenient as possible. The unit will be in place from Monday 1 February.

To book a test people should go online via <http://www.ealing.gov.uk/covidtest>.

### Lateral Flow Tests

If you have not yet returned your consent form, and you are happy for your child to be tested for Covid-19 on his or her return to school, then please complete the consent form which will be sent via the MyEd app.

### Virtual Parents Evening

Our rescheduled Year 11 parents evening will now take place on Wednesday 10th February 2021. Please ensure you book an appointment with your son/daughter's teachers.

### Catch Up Afternoons

Thursday 4th February and Wednesday 10th February 2021 – students will have lessons up to and including period 3. There will be no lessons for students during period 4 & 5 thereby providing students with the time to catch up on incomplete work. Students who are currently working in school will use the time to catch up and leave school at 3pm as usual.

### Free School Meals

Families who are eligible for free school meals should now have received the government vouchers. If you have not received your voucher, please send a message via the My Ed app and a member of staff will contact you directly.

### February Half Term

Even though students and staff have been working in a very different way this term, it is just as important that they have time to rest and recuperate. Therefore, the school will close as usual over February half-term. Families who receive free school meal vouchers will receive a voucher from Ealing Council as part of the Covid Winter Grant Scheme. You do not have to do anything; the local authority will email the voucher to you directly.

### Keep Southall Residents Safe

Southall now has the highest Covid rate in London. More Asian people are dying of Covid than almost any other group. Please stay home and save lives. If you must leave home for work or the shops, please wear a face covering, wash your hands and keep your distance. Do not bring Covid home to your family.



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### If you could save someone's life... would you?

Tuesday 26 January, the UK passed a tragic and terrible milestone of 100,000 COVID-19 deaths. That is 100,000 families who have lost loved ones to the virus – both young and old.

The only way through this is for everyone to take the vaccine. If you are having doubts, fears about the vaccine, please watch this video from Black and Asian celebrities addressing why you should take up the vaccine. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

We want to continue to work closely with all our students and their families. In this very different time, we have found strength in working together. Please do stay safe and take care. Our thoughts are with you and your families

Yours faithfully,

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