



12th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Great Start!

Bridgewater students have made a great start following the return from lockdown and I want to say on behalf of all colleagues here, how nice it is to see them all again.

The exemplary behaviour we expect from our students was no more in evidence this week than in the way they adapted to mass testing. I can't imagine this could have gone any smoother and I would like to thank our students once again. I would also like to extend my thanks to the two testing teams across both sites and the parent volunteers who have supported them for making the process as efficient as it has been; we could not have done it without them.

When I wrote to you last week I said that: "In terms of social distancing, we all appreciate the balancing act between opening schools whilst retaining significant elements of lockdown and the "Stay at home message"-at least in the short to medium term (and)..... Government guidance can be found [here](#)."

Since then I regret to say that we have been contacted by Cheshire Police regarding an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour by groups of youths in the south Warrington area and breaches of Covid guidance in terms of meeting in groups. This includes areas around Walton Gardens, Red Lane cemetery and parts of Stockton Heath Village. Of course, young people in the south Warrington area come from a range of schools and colleges. However nonetheless we will be reinforcing community expectations of good behaviour including Covid restrictions to our students next week and I am sure we can rely upon your support in this matter.

Next week we will also be concluding the final round of mass testing in school. After this, we move to "at home" testing. Mrs Stanton will be writing to you separately about this but in the meantime, I can tell you that students will be handed 'at home' testing kits as they take their third lateral flow test next week.

It feels like we are getting back to some kind of normal and I am hopeful that we will only build upon the great start students have made since their return to school this week. As ever, stay safe and thanks for your ongoing support.

Regards

Tim Long, Principal

