



Castle Donington College

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Dear Castle Donington College Community,

As we reach the end of the Spring Term and reflect on the past few weeks, I realise what a lot we have achieved together and what a long way we have come. I am not sure I will ever be fully competent at self-administering my home test, I still need my daughter to talk me through it and do the countdown as I poke the swab up my nose. But each time I submit my result I feel a small personal victory in conquering my fear of all things medical!

Home Test Kits

I hope you are managing your home testing too. We understand it is very alien and undignified but I encourage you to keep going. To date we have received over 500 home test results and thank you for supporting this important programme. All pupils with consent have been issued with new Kits this week to allow testing to continue over the Easter break. Don't forget to submit your result to NHS <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and the College.

The link can be found on 'Quick Links' (top right) on our website homepage. <https://www.cdcollege.uk/>

Considerate Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your ongoing support regarding use of the College site this term and to remind you that the College gates will remain closed at key times next term to ensure the safety of our pupils and pedestrians on site. It is important that if you are using a car, to drop off or pick up, that you park responsibly. Our neighbours on Eastway, Mount Pleasant, Hastings Street and Delvin Lane must have access to their driveways at all times. There are a number of Key Workers living close to the College who have expressed concern that their drives are blocked by parents parking thoughtlessly.

Government Guidelines

We are expecting an update regarding the wearing of face coverings at Easter, but to date have received no further notification. I request that pupils continue to wear masks on their return, until we know that the advice has changed. All our pupils have risen to this challenge brilliantly. It has not been easy for them and we really do appreciate their compliance, for the safety of all.

We are still waiting for information regarding awarding grades to our Year 11 pupils, due on March 31st. We have shared our draft plan with Year 11 pupils and their parents already.

All our Covid safe measures remain in place in the College for the start of the Summer term. 12th April may see some restrictions eased but I urge you to remind your child/children to continue to be cautious; keep their distance, wash their hands and only mix with friends and family in line with the guidance. I am informed that Leicestershire cases are still well above the national average and we must continue to do all we can to bring these rates down.

Free School Meals

We will be continuing to offer vouchers to families eligible for Free school meals throughout the Easter break. Please contact postroom@cdcollege.uk if you need help advice or have further questions.

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Summer Term return on 'Week B'

The College closes for two weeks at 15.00 today and reopens on Monday 12th April. Please remind your child that we come back to **WEEK B** on the timetable, to avoid any associated tension.

I wish you a lovely Easter break. I think the sun is due to shine. Let's hope so. We will all benefit from blue skies and the warmth of the sun.

Best wishes



Julie Sheppard
Principal