



10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Thank you for your support in what has been a very smooth start to the new school year. As the accompanying bulletin shows, nearly 4000 achievement points have been awarded this week which is testament to the positive start made by students.

COVID-19 Update

The new LFD test kits have been distributed to eligible students today and the remaining year groups will follow on Monday. The new LFD test kits are different to what has been sent home previously. **They require students to perform a nose sample only.** Please read pages 11-15 of the booklet inside the test kit box which provides simple instructions for you. It is important that you report the result. This process is described on page 5 of the booklet.

Please report any Covid related absence in the same way as any absence should be report to school.

We also have to report all cases in school to Public Health so they can monitor rates and patterns and intervene with enhanced support if they constitute an 'outbreak'.

We have also been asked to send 'Warn and Inform' letters which ask recipients to be 'symptom aware' if there has been a reported case within a specific class or friendship group.

We have had two asymptomatic cases this week, picked up on the Test A schedule and before any mixing at school. We have been warned that there will be a rise in rates as a result of schools returning and children mixing more freely. It is important that we all remain vigilant.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Fixtures for school teams start this week but there are opportunities for all our students at all levels of fitness and ability to participate in extra-curricular sport. This is part of our commitment for all students to feel the benefits of participation in regular exercise. **Please encourage your son to attend and establish a healthy habit to exercise each week alongside his friends.**

Co Curricular Wednesday

The first session is this Wednesday so school finishes for all students at 4pm on a Wednesday from now on.

Road Safety

Irlam Road has been very congested this week which means it is more dangerous for students leaving the site on foot and on bikes. **Please can I ask that you do not park in front of the school and, instead, ask that your son meet you some distance away from the school if you are collecting him by car.** Double parking and parking on prohibited markings has meant that school buses have also found it difficult to get through. **Please can I also remind you that we advise all students who cycle to school to wear a helmet, to ride only two abreast on the roads and to cycle safely and considerately.**

Open Evening

We will close to students at 2pm on Thursday 23rd September so that enhanced cleaning and preparations for Open Evening can be made. Open Evening is a ticketed event and more details can be found here <https://www.wellacre.org/>

As usual, we will have letters available for teachers to give to students who would like to showcase their work in curriculum areas. We will need your consent for them to help out that evening and those consent slips should be returned to the issuing teacher. **I would like to thank all those students who will give freely of their time to act as ambassadors for Wellacre at Open Evening.**

INSET Day

Wellacre will be **closed to its students on Friday 24th September** for an INSET day.

Book donations

We have established a link with an independent book shop. They have created a 'wishlist' for us. **If you would like, and are able, to purchase a book for the Wellacre library please find the link here**

[https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+\(All+Schools\)=Wellacre+Academy](https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=Wellacre+Academy)

Thank you in advance for any kind donations you make in this regard.

Lottery

Please support our lottery, the profits of which go towards our Eco projects. More information can be found here [Wellacre School Lottery](#)

Head of House Letters

You should have received a letter this week via My Ed from your son's Head of House, or from Mr Duffy if he is in Year 11. Please find key contact details for any concerns regarding your son to be addressed within the letter.

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations

The second HPV vaccination, to which parents and carers have consented, will take place on **Wednesday 15th September**.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and will update you again next Friday. Please find this week's bulletin alongside this letter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Sharrock', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal