

31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and looking forward to the Easter break. As you may be aware, we have a legal responsibility to implement a track and trace system within our school, over the holiday, to minimise the spread of Covid-19.

The last day of term is Thursday 1st April, as we approach the Easter break I am sharing a gentle reminder of the rules and processes for managing positive cases.

PLEASE NOTE: Email will be the only official means of communication during the Easter break. Please check your inbox regularly – including junk/spam folders.

Goodwin Academy guidance for managing positive cases:

- You must continue to complete the home testing throughout the Easter holidays.
- Goodwin Academy will continue to operate its track and trace systems until Wednesday 7th April. If your child shows symptoms or tests positive between the dates of Friday 2nd and Wednesday 7th April you must inform the school by emailing office@goodwinacademy.org.uk. **You must include your child's name, date of positive test result, date of first symptoms and the last date that they were in school.**
- Upon receiving reports of a positive test result, the school office will contact you to confirm the close contacts of your child and to confirm the dates of any self-isolation period. The school will then notify the parents of any close contacts via email. Only those impacted will be contacted.
- As per government advice - if your child tests positive for Covid-19 they have a legal responsibility to self-isolate for 10 days. If your child is identified by the school as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, we have a legal responsibility to inform you and advise self-isolation for 10 days. The NHS also have a useful page dedicated to [questions about self-isolation](#).
- If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms throughout the holidays do not return to school. In this instance please contact the school office from Monday 19th April. In addition, please book a test and if needed, seek advice from [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

PLEASE NOTE: The school office will be closed during the Easter holidays, if you have any medical questions please visit [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Further information is available [here](#).

Expectations

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both yourselves and our students for the way in which change has been embraced since our return from lockdown this term. To continue to support this return and to ensure a positive start to Term 5, can I ask you to please ensure your child has the correct equipment (listed below and in the school uniform code) including their planner with them every day for every lesson. This is really important, as due to current restrictions we have a limited amount of equipment we can loan to students. We need students to have the correct equipment so they can successfully engage with their learning with the minimum of disruptions.

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Essential equipment:

- Black or blue ball point pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Lanyard
(Year 7: Blue, Year 8: Orange, Year 9: Red, Year 10: Yellow, Year 11: Purple, Sixth Form: Black)
- Facemask (Plain single colour “face covering” which covers the mouth and nose held in place by straps around the ears.)

Please also ensure that student’s school bags should be fit for purpose and are large enough for their schoolwork, planner and equipment.

Uniform:

Any students not following the Academy’s uniform code will be challenged and may result in them being isolated within the Academy, or sent home to change (with the parents/carers permission). Persistent breaches will be viewed as defiance and dealt with at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team. I also wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that any students with piercings that are not a plain single stud for pierced ears will be required to remove them, no body studs or facial piercings are allowed, including nose and tongue studs. If a student wears a ring, piercing or other jewellery, it will be confiscated and parents informed.

After a term of flexibility regarding PE kit, students must now return to wearing full PE kit to all PE lessons. So, as I stated in my letter dated 3rd March, I expect all students to comply with the PE uniform code from the start of Term 5. The Academy uniform can be purchased from [Simmond’s Schoolwear](#).

I would also like to highlight that students should be on site by 8:25am every day to enable them to be in classrooms for 8:30am. If a student is unwell please contact the school Attendance Officer, Miss Dore on 03333 602210, option 1 before 9.00am.

I would like to reinforce that the students have been fantastic and are a credit to all of you in the way they have adapted to the return to school. Thank you for your ongoing support and together we can ensure that our students can achieve their ‘BEST’ at Goodwin.

Thank you for support and understanding, I wish you and your family a relaxing Easter break and I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back on Monday 19th April.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Smith
Principal