



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have seen our first positive COVID cases within our student body. The support and response of parents and carers has been incredible. I have worked with Public Health England and followed their guidance to isolate a number of students across the academy. Our thoughts are with the families with poorly children and hope the strict measures we have applied will help reduce further spread and impact on other households.

All work for students who are self-isolating will be set on Satchel One. Please bear with us as we continue to teach in class and online too. As you can imagine, Year 11 need to take initial priority as we are currently gathering evidence to count towards their final Teacher Assessed Grades. If you are a Year 11 parent, please support your child by reviewing Satchel One with them and discussing their progress each day.

Please can you all ensure that you are contactable at all times during school hours. Over the last couple of days, we have experienced difficulties in making contact with some parents and carers. Time is of the essence once a positive case has been confirmed and students who are identified as having been in proximity need to leave site immediately to self-isolate as a precautionary measure. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please contact Mrs Thwaites on jts@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk so that your child's student record can be updated.

Lateral Flow Testing

I would like to applaud my Test Centre team who volunteered and worked tirelessly over the last fortnight to test and train your children to complete the lateral flow tests from home. Tests must be carried out twice weekly from now. All children that had the testing within school have been issued test packs with instructions. I would recommend you organise these tests on the same evening each week from now. My staff and I test Wednesday and Saturday, if this suits you then please follow this pattern. The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

If your child tests positive at home it is essential that they arrange a PCR test at a registered centre. Please contact us at OSVA_COVID@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk immediately to report the positive test so we can begin to take measures to protect the rest of our community and support you. It is also essential that they, along with your household, follow national guidelines.

Year 11 Parents' Consultation

A reminder that the postponed January parents' consultation has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 31st March**, 4pm-7pm. The appointments will be virtual via the appointment booking system which has proved very successful with other year groups. If you have not already booked your appointments, please do so this weekend.

Representing our academy

The vast majority of our students wear our uniform with pride and are great ambassadors for Six Villages in the community. However, disappointingly I have received reports this week of irresponsible cycling which has come close to causing injuries and anti-social behaviour towards local residents. I will not hesitate to take action against the small group of students who are currently damaging the reputation of the academy. Please encourage your child to be a responsible citizen and come forward if they witness any such behaviours on their way to or from school. Your support with this will be much appreciated.

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Additionally, parents of cyclists – please ask your children not to cycle in the pedestrian area close to Eastergate primary as this is unsafe. There are clear 'dismount' signs in the vicinity.

Eastergate Lane

The Headteacher of Eastergate primary school has asked for our help in relaying a message to those of you who park in the area of this road near the primary school. Please see the attached flyer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul Slaughter', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Slaughter
Principal