

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



18 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

This has been a difficult half-term to manage as the school does its best to return to a more normal sort of working routine. The Covid-19 pandemic is still causing issues and is having an impact on the attendance of both pupils and staff.

Last week, we saw over 400 pupils getting their Covid-19 vaccine injections. Thank you for your support with this initiative. At a later date, staff from the NHS will be in school again to vaccinate the remaining pupils who have consented:

In school, this week, we are handing out Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) kits to pupils so that, with your support at home, they can continue to perform twice weekly tests. It is still important, that as a school community, we continue with the LFD tests, so that we can keep cross infection to a minimum. Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in Covid-19 infections across the Wakefield District.

Very well done to the 355 pupils in Year 7, who continue to impress. As a year group, they really have made an excellent start.

Also, our Year 11 pupils have been attending after school and Inset day intervention classes in big numbers. This is an important year for them and they have set off as they mean to continue. Nicely done!

We have also been encouraged by the pupils across Year 8 to Year 10 who have responded well to their learning journeys as well as getting involved in a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular activities. Keep it going.

The school would also like to thank families for their support around the Safer Schools Project. This has worked better than we expected and the pupils have said it makes them feel safer, especially at the end of the day as they leave school.

Once again, thank you for your support; it is appreciated. Have a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 22 October: School closes for half-term
Monday 01 November: School re-opens
Tuesday 02 November: Pontefract New College Taster Day - Year 11
Wednesday 10 November: Year 11 Targeted Parent/Carer Support Evening

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as the hand sanitiser found in all classrooms and social spaces.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'. Use the tissues and bins provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not attend school and follow public health advice if we have any symptoms of coronavirus.