



Blackminster Middle School

School Bulletin

Dear parents and carers,

I have a few updates for you.

COVID

You may be aware that two schools fairly local to us have had to close, either entirely or in part, due to infections amongst students. Please can I urge all parents and carers of Year 7 and 8 students to undertake testing twice-weekly to try to avoid the same situation here? The new variants seem to be highly transmissible, and the tests can pick up asymptomatic cases where people could be unwittingly spreading the virus, so regular testing and reporting of results is vital.

Transition to High Schools

Planned transition arrangements for students moving to High Schools are unable to go ahead due to continuing restrictions. We know that this can be an anxious time as well as an exciting one for students, so please do discuss any concerns with us and we will do our best to help. We have every confidence that the High Schools will look after our students superbly once they start in September.

Uniform

I've recently been approached by some students to ask if they can wear shorts as part of their uniform. I'm pleased to confirm that we are happy to accept black, knee-length, tailored "school uniform type" shorts. As with skirts and other items, fashion styles are not acceptable as part of uniform and the decision of the senior team will be final if there is any doubt. Thank you very much for your support in ensuring that students are smartly and appropriately dressed for school.

Kind regards,

Linda McQuone

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda McQuone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Executive Headteacher