

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

12 November 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

The letter provides information on COVID-19 testing and advises that, in response to potential outbreaks, local health teams may advise additional testing and isolation protocols at your school or college.

Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home.

Reporting results

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms.**
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 they must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow [national guidelines](#). You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative, you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive they will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow [national guidelines](#).
If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.

Please also see attached the Covid-19 Vaccination Parent Information Pack from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. This has information and links regarding the Covid-19 vaccine.

Do you have a child in YEAR 7-11, the Immunisation Team will be in school on (25&26/11/2021) to give the FLU & COVID VACCINATIONS. The online consent portal is available at <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search> for flu consent or <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft> for the Covid vaccine.

Don't forget to submit your parental consent or refusal for your child's FLU and or COVID vaccination before (22/11/2021). Please use your child's NHS number or legal surname, date of birth and post code to access the form.

Timetabling Notice

From **15th-19th** November, we will operate a **2:1:2** lesson breakdown with an earlier lunch, to allow for Y13 exams to take place.

P1 will be 8:40 - 9:40

P2 will be 9:45 - 10:45

P3 will be 11:05 - 12:05

Assembly/Mentor time - 12:10 - 12:30 (12:20 for those not in extended mentoring on Tuesday and Thursday)

Lunch will be 12:30 - 13:10

P4 will be 13:15 - 14:15

P5 will be 14:20 - 15:20

Students Achievements to be Celebrated.

Amelia F. in yr10 ran a poppy stall this week raising money for the Royal British Legion which was extremely successful, and we should have confirmation of how much we raised early next week.

George H. in yr10 played **The Last Post** during the St Peter's Remembrance Service on Thursday 11th November beautifully and we are all very proud of him.

Language linguastars! Félicitations! Gratuliere!

Year 11 French and German students have recently sat exams and the following students are to be congratulated on their excellent results!

Isabella L. Ella G. Joshua S. Berti W. Jessica C-L. Yoshimi F-B. Katie H. Tia W. Amy C. Erica C. Hugo E. Max A. Mikey C. Lily D. Amy C. Keira L. Millie V. Hitesh P. Isaac B. Isabelle P. Isabella B. Eleanor G. Mia S. Armaan T. Ruby T. Hazel L. and Esme M.

Year 8 German - Oliver M. - A positive attitude resulting in excellent performances in the assessment and in classwork since

Year 7 German - Seren K. - Top scores in all vocab tests and great participation in class

Some extra curricular clubs to be enjoyed!

The **Manga (Drawing) Club** is run by some Year 12 students in M2 between 13:45 and 14:15 every Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

The **Homework club** runs every week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. All year groups are welcome to come along to N8 at 1.40pm, and a group of sixth formers are on hand to offer help and advice.

Jazz Music Workshop

The music department is delighted to be able to offer free Jazz Workshops in collaboration with Deal Music and Arts for our jazz musicians at school. The students thoroughly enjoyed taking part and Connie C. in Year 10 has written a lovely account of the day. You can find this on the school website along with a video of the workshop. <http://danecourt.kent.sch.uk/parents8/news6/music/1109-making-music>



Information shared by KCC

Dear parent/guardian,

Please find below some information that we have been asked to share with parents by KCC, with some useful advice and contacts within it.

Kind regards

Anita Ives

Pastoral support officer

We are reminding all parents and carers of the importance of being vigilant regarding the risks of paracetamol and other medications in the home, that could be accessed by children and young people who are at risk of self-harm. Please be especially mindful of extra stocks of paracetamol and cold and flu relief medication that may have been purchased in response to the pandemic and ensure home supplies are kept at a safe minimum and stored securely in such a way to avoid children and young people coming to harm.

Please be vigilant also regarding identification of any suspicious purchasing of medication including repeat purchases or attempts to purchase larger quantities and attempts to secret or store medication for personal use.

Please NHS 111 your GP and / or care provider or the CAMHS Crisis line number regarding any concerns that you may have regarding the emotional health and wellbeing of your child or young person.

We have included children and young people's Crisis Line Numbers for your information:

Under 18s (children and young people services or children and adolescent mental health services)
For residents of Kent and Medway, you can call the 24hour Single Point of Access (provided by North East London Foundation Trust) on **0800 011 3474** (select option one, then option three).
Thank you,

Kooth

Dear families,

We often recommend "Kooth" to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to know more about their service, they are running monthly information sessions for parents and carers.

The link for parents/carers to book a free webinar can be found here:

Tues 16 Nov 6pm-7pm & Tues 14 Dec 6pm-7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-kooth-parent-carer-information-sessions-tickets-164152609875>

Mind and Body - Parent / Carer Information Sessions

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mind and Body recognise that parents/carers are often left with questions around mental health and may feel unsure how to deal with certain situations. With that in mind, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a free online session - 'Supporting Young People that Self-Harm: Information for Parents/Carers.' If you would like to attend then please find further information and book your place by following this link: [Book a Place](#).

The aim of our support is to increase your confidence in these areas, as well as providing an opportunity to explore strategies to best support a young person. In the meantime, here is the link to our [Mind and Body in Kent](#) website where you can find further information, as well as specific advice around self-harm for parents/carers which can be accessed [here](#).

If you have any queries with regards the above or require further information, then please do not hesitate to contact our office on 01795 500882 or at MABAdmin@wearewithyou.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Mind and Body Team

Year 8 Virtual Walk

The students in year 8 as part of their Caring theme this term are taking part in a virtual walk to raise money for Game Rangers International and the Musekese Conservation charities. They are aiming to complete a 990mile collective distance, the length of the River Kafue, and any donations that can be bought in by students will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL DIRECT INFORMATION EVENING

Thinking of training to teach?

Primary and secondary School Direct routes into teaching with the East Kent Learning Alliance.

Book your place on our online information evening:

Wednesday 1st December - 6 pm

BOOK NOW

<https://www.ekla.org.uk/itt/school-direct>

Thanks.

[Rachel Rolls](#)

Food Parcels for families in need at Christmas. Please Can You Help?



The Dane Court Challenge Can we fill 50 food parcels with food and some special Christmas treats?
Please see the list of foods and place your donations in the collection points in your Year Head's Office
THANK YOU



Suitable Food to Donate for the Food Boxes: Any of these would be great.

Please make sure the food has a long life, e.g. Tins, Dried Food, Jars, Cartons, Packets, Chocolates, Biscuits. Please Do Not include fresh foods that need to be refrigerated. Thankyou



TINS

Ham * Sausages * Corned Beef * Stewed Steak * Tuna * Sardines * Pilchards * Salmon * Pate * Crabmeat * Red Kidney Beans * Black Eye Beans * Baked Beans Soup * Tomatoes * Tomato Puree * Sweet Corn * Peas * Carrots * Potatoes * Fruit * Carnation milk * Condensed Milk * Lentils * Pies * Desserts

DRIED FOOD

Rice * Pasta * Noodles * Instant Mash Couscous * Fajita Kit * Grains * Lentils Split dried peas * Dried Beans

SAUCES, SPICES

Pasta Sauces * Curry Sauce * Salsa * Curry Powder * Chilli Powder * Cumin * Cinnamon * Mixed Spice * Mixed dried Herbs * Cook-in-Sauces

DRINKS

Tea Bags * Loose leaf Tea * Fruit Tea bags * Instant Coffee * Ground Coffee * Cocoa * Drinking Chocolate * Horlicks * Fruit Juices * Soft Drinks * Cordials * Squash *

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Christmas Puddings * Selection Boxes * Sweets * Chocolate Bars * Nuts * Dates * Marzipan * Brandy Butter * Cranberry Sauce *

PACKETS

Cereals * Sugar * Flour * Dried Yeast * Dried Fruit e.g. currants, raisins, sultanas, glace cherries, apricots, prunes, dates * Nuts * Tortillas * Naan Breads * Jelly cubes

CAKES AND BISCUITS

Any biscuits * Packaged Cakes * Cake Bars * Christmas Cakes * Tins of biscuits

JARS

Jam * Honey * Marmalade * Vegemite/ Marmite * Nutella * Chutney * Pickled Onions * Red Cabbage * Gherkins * Mince meat *

CARTONS

UHT milk * UHT Fruit Juice * Custard * Instant long life Desserts e.g. creamed rice, yoghurts, chocolate desserts *

NEW BOOKS, TOYS and CRAFT ITEMS
Gifts for children



Online Safety advice - Money Mules



This year there has been a surge in student 'money mules': Criminals are using social media to recruit under-21s for dirty money transfers. The exponential growth has seen the number of students involved triple in the past couple of years alone.

Online criminals are using social media sites like WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram to hire 6th form students as 'money mules' with promises of free cash.

Victims are asked to receive dirty money into their bank accounts and then send it on, keeping a percentage for themselves as profit, thus making it hard to trace and link to crime.

Doing so means they could go to jail for up to 14 years for laundering money. Students are particularly vulnerable due to a lack of awareness of the illegal activity and their desire to make some quick cash.

How to keep young adults safe from 'money mule' criminals;

- Be aware of children talking about a new job working from home and earning more money than their friends, or look out for new expensive items that they've purchased.
- Keep an eye on what cards they have; any new bank cards not known to the family such as a "Monzo" card may be being used for suspicious activity
- Talk to them about the risks of easy money scams. If it seems too good to be true, it usually is.

DANE COURT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Events 2021

Quiz Night

Dane Court School Theatre
Friday 26th November 2021



Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £3.00

Doors open at 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

(price includes ploughman's supper- bring your own drinks, glasses provided)

Teams up to 8 persons per table.

To book a table please contact Mrs Lois Gadd (Maths) (Tel (or text) 07968 687415 or Email gadd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) by 4pm on Wed 24th Nov
Charity number 1023394



History to be Remembered

LEST WE FORGET

Today Remembrance Day is widely observed but, like war memorials themselves, the nature of the commemorations and people's attitudes to them have changed over the years. After the initial jubilation at the signing of the Armistice in 1918, the first and second anniversaries of the end of the First World War had a solemn rather than victorious atmosphere and focused on mourning the dead rather than celebrating victory. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, at first a temporary structure but replaced in 1920 with a replica made of Portland stone, quickly became the focus for events as crowds gathered to lay wreaths. 11th November 1919 saw the first observance of a minute's silence at 11 o'clock, in which the vast majority of people participated, wherever they were and whatever they were doing. A year later, on the same day that the permanent Cenotaph was unveiled, the Unknown Warrior was buried in Westminster Abbey to honour ordinary service personnel who had died. This period and the early 1920s was also when most of the memorials that commemorate the First World War were erected, as thousands of communities paid tribute to their fallen.

Remembrance Day is widely observed these days, with two-minute silences often being held at 11 o'clock on the 11th as well as the following Sunday (Remembrance Sunday) if the 11th falls on a different day. Many people attend Remembrance services at local war memorials. Often, young people take part in these services, with groups such as Scouts or Cadets taking part in a parade (you can find out more about war memorials on the 'History of war memorials' information sheet, which is available at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youthgroups/general/11-18).



Lost property this week

We have various items, including an umbrella, a football, a water bottle, a box of guitar effectors, keys, jewellery and an odd size 11 Nike shoe/trainer that have been handed in to the office. Please remember to name any items your child brings into school to help us quickly return any lost items. If you recognise any of them, please do contact the office on 01843 864941 to arrange collection as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Office Team

