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## Cheney Communications

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Sixth Form Students

The most important single thing in preventing the spread of Covid is not to send children to school if they have symptoms. If in doubt, please join lessons online and book a PCR test. It is also very important not to send students to school if there is a confirmed or suspected case in the family.

We understand the desire to send children into school, and not to miss another day, but the best way of preventing another outbreak in school is not to bring the virus in. We very much appreciate parents' patience and cooperation with this.

As many of you will know, slightly over 50 students from Year 10 were asked to self-isolate this week. This isolation period ends at midnight on Friday, so the DofE training weekend will not be affected, and students will be back in school on Monday. This came from transmission at home, rather than in school, and it emphasises the need to keep all our Covid precautions in place, including the most important measure, which is not to come into school with symptoms or if someone at home has symptoms. It is unfortunately likely that we will have further similar cases before we are through.

### All Parents and Carers

**Lateral Flow Testing:** thank you to our students for their patience and maturity during in-school Lateral Flow Testing this week and last, and to the adult "testing squad" who have worked alongside our staff volunteers.

### **Testing Students at Home:**

**Taking Part:** we are strongly encouraging all students to take part in the national testing programme. Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

**Consent:** by accepting and using the test kits, you are deemed to be consenting. No explicit consent is required.

If you choose to participate, you are committing to administer the test and report the results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and also to us. If your child is 11 years of age, you will need to administer the test. If your child is 12-17 years of age, you will need to support your child to self-swab effectively. Students aged 18+ can administer the test themselves.

**Distribution of Kits:** tests are free of charge and will be distributed to students in school. Students will receive two packs with 3 tests in a box and a leaflet on how to

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take the test and report the results. These will be distributed to all students on Friday 19 March, during P5. Students will receive a second set of test kits on 1 April to cover them over the Easter holiday period.

**Reporting Results:** the Government guidance states that test results need to be reported in two ways as follows:

1. Using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: [Test & Trace](#)
2. Parents/students will need to tell the school the result of each test by completing this form: [Student Home Kit Lateral Flow Testing Results](#).

**ALL results must be reported, whether they are positive, negative or void.** If students have a positive test result, they, and their household, will need to stay at home and self-isolate. If the result of the test is unclear (void) they will need to do another one. Please advise the school if the second test is void.

**When to do the Tests:** *we request that the first test of the week is done every Sunday evening.* This is because any contacts of a positive case in the previous 48 hours will have to self-isolate and we want to reduce the number of students isolating to a minimum.

The second test should be taken on Wednesday, ideally in the evening, but no earlier.

If, for any reason, you cannot follow the above pattern, students may take the test in the evening before school. The second and subsequent tests should then be 3 to 5 days apart.

**Cheney2050, 24 March:** the Rumble Museum virtual event, Cheney2050, launches on 24 March. With talks by expert speakers Lord Robert Winston and Kate Raworth and fascinating workshops from Earthwatch Europe, Butterfly Conservation, Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Ashmolean Museum, Empathy Museum, Oxford City Council, Uncomfortable Oxford, Oxford Brookes University, The Story Museum, Bill Finnegan, Oxfordshire Liveable Streets, Project Cece and Pivot Power, amongst others, the virtual conference will inspire Sixth Form students to develop their own ideas about where Cheney should be in 2050. This is a Sixth Form event, but many workshops will be made available online afterwards, so keep an eye on the [Cheney2050 website](#) towards the end of next week: everyone will be able to explore some parts of the site, like the gallery and the wonderful Tree Trail project (which has already [made the papers!](#))

**HPV Catch-up, 25 March:** on Thursday 25 March there will be a catch-up session for [eligible](#) students who missed their HPV1 or HPV2 immunisations. If you have any questions, please contact School Health Nurse Caroline Smith: 07717661485.

**Transition Welcome, 31 March:** for families of Year 6 students joining us in September, a reminder that our virtual Welcome Information Evening is taking place on Wednesday 31 March. For details, please see [Mrs Hart's 2 March message](#) on the website.

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**Exam Certificates:** for families of students who have left Cheney, exam certificates are now available for collection from school. See the [website](#) for full details.

**Change to SMS in Arbor:** from next Monday 22 March the mobile numbers we use to send SMS messages from Arbor will change. This means any numbers associated with messages received from school prior to this date will no longer be valid; parents/carers should not reply to messages stored in their phone prior to Monday 22 March.

**Road Safety:** once again, can we remind **parents and carers who bring their children to school by car not to drop off or pick up on Gipsy Lane, Cheney Lane or around the junction of Warneford Lane and Cheney Lane?** The vast majority of our students travel to school by foot or by bike; cars stopping on the double yellow lines, zig-zag lines, pavements and cycle paths, endanger them and other road users and pedestrians. If you need to travel by car, please arrange to drop off and pick up well away from the school site.

We actively encourage students to walk or cycle to school and to avoid making unnecessary car journeys. Getting out of the car keeps us fit and helps preserve the improved air quality we all enjoyed during lockdown.

**Rumble Newsletter #7:** Professor [Anil Seth](#) of the [University of Sussex](#) talks to Y13s about brains, perception and consciousness. And more is revealed about the Cheney 2050 Virtual Event.

**Last Day of Term:** a reminder that the last day of term for all students this term will now be Thursday April 1.

#### Parents and Carers of Year 9

**TDP/ MEN ACWY Immunisations, 18 May:** the TDP/ MEN ACWY immunisations for Year 9 students are planned for Tuesday 18 May 2021. Please check your inboxes/the website for yesterday's [Immunisation Team Letter](#) with more information and a link to the consent form.

#### Parents and Carers of Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

**DofE Training Day for Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE students, 20 March:** the DofE training day will go ahead this Saturday - please see [Mr Lea's reminder letter](#), sent last week. Members of our Bronze 2019 cohort who have been self-isolating this week will be able to join as their self-isolation period ends at midnight on Friday. If you have any concerns or questions, contact [dofe@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:dofe@cheney.oxon.sch.uk).

#### Parents and Carers of Years 10, 11 & 13

**Teacher-Assessed Grades for Exams:** following on from his letter last week, Mr Pavey has recorded a video explaining Teacher-Assessed Grades for summer 2021. Both are [on the website](#).

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### Year 12 Parents and Carers

**UCAS/Careers Information Evening:** thank you to the Year 12s and their families who attended our virtual UCAS/Careers Information Evening earlier this week. The recording and presentations from the evening are now available [on the website](#). Don't forget that, students are also invited to attend the virtual UCAS/Discovery Event on 20 April.

You will find all our letters and notices on the [website](#) and/or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Kind regards

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