

8th June 2021



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all of you for your support in ensuring that your child tests themselves twice weekly and for recording results with us to prevent transmission of coronavirus in school. I also appreciate the fact that parents are keeping in touch with us via our attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk email address to report any positive cases or informing us if your child is required to isolate.

As I said in the recent newsletter, I have been corresponding with the Local Authority and Public Health England over my concerns about the positive student cases we had before half-term which stemmed from a large social gathering that took place outside of school.

As restrictions are eased we all must remain cautious and follow the latest guidance. None of us are wanting to become ill, transmit the virus to our most vulnerable, or have to self-isolate, therefore I urge all of you to support our school and the community in preventing the further spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant.

I have attached a letter from Jane Moore, Director of Children and Family Services, and Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health, Leicestershire County Council, who are supporting this important message.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear parents and carers,

As pupils return to Bosworth Academy this week after the half term break, we are urging you to take action to stem a rise in coronavirus rates after the number of Leicestershire cases doubled in just over a week. There have been a number of cases linked to this school, and rates in the surrounding areas have more than doubled.

We are seeing rises – particularly in children and young people and those in their thirties. This is driven by people mixing more and we're seeing a number of cases connected to barbecues and parties. Parents are asked to make sure they are being cautious and sensible when organising any 'gatherings' such as birthday parties or sleepovers, and are sticking to the latest guidance, including the rule of six indoors. Figures have crept just above the national average in Leicestershire, emphasising the call for people to take care and get vaccinated to prevent further spread. The picture in Leicestershire reflects the national trend and although we're talking about relatively small numbers, we could still be in for a bumpy ride if we don't take action now. Like the rest of the country, the more transmissible 'Delta' variant (the variant of concern first identified in India), appears to be the dominant strain in Leicestershire.

If anyone within your household has symptoms, you must follow the national guidance and get tested. You can book a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Everyone within the household must remain at home until the test result has been received. If the result is positive you must continue to self-isolate for ten days after the symptoms began.

You are also encouraged to test regularly with rapid lateral flow tests. Lateral flow tests are for people aged 11 and over who do not have symptoms Covid-19 and are not self-isolating. You can find out more and order test kits from www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

We're in a much brighter position compared to the start of the year. We know it's been a tough 15 months, but the pandemic isn't quite over. If you're getting together with friends and family, take care and be sensible to avoid spreading the virus and crucially, take the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Kind regards

Jane Moore
Director of Children and Family Services
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Mike Sandys
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