



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 1st November 2021

Message from Miss Morris

As we reach the end of a busy and eventful first half term, I am pleased to say we have settled back in to the normal school routine very well. Before we end for this half term, I wanted to share some recent notices with you.

Covid-19 LFD Home Testing

In order to ensure that we minimise the number of cases in school following the half-term break, we encourage students to complete a lateral flow home test the night before returning to school. Please remember to notify us of the LFD test results.

Car Park Safety

The maximum speed limit in the car park is 10mph, the overwhelming majority of parents and carers respect this and drive with caution during busy periods. However, we have seen a small number of cars exceeding the speed limit and some cutting through the main body of the car park for a quicker exit. For the safety of our students, please adhere to the car park speed limits and traffic flow system.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see the return of students to so many sporting teams and extra-curricular clubs. This week all students have been involved in elections for Student Council representatives and I look forward to hearing the thoughts and suggestions of the Student Council next half-term.

Have a safe and enjoyable half-term, a reminder that school reopens on **Monday 1st November, 8:30am.**

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Year 11 Parents' evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is Thursday 11th November from 4pm-6pm and it will take place virtually using School Cloud.

This will allow parents/carers to discuss their child's mock exam results as well as areas to develop and improve. You will receive an email during the week starting 1st November with details of how to book your appointments.

Year 10 and Year 11 – TeachTalk Lesson – Science

In order to support students with their revision in core subjects, the Faculty Leader and Lead Practitioners of science have created a series of TeachTalk lessons which guide students through key parts of their GCSE exams. Please follow the link below to access these lessons and encourage your child to watch these as part of their revision.

<https://biddickacademy.com/parents-carers/revision-information/>

COVID-19 Home Testing Kits

In response to Government advice, we will be issuing COVID-19 Lateral Flow Test Kits (LFT) to students on the 2nd November 2021 to continue home testing twice a week.

If you would like your child/children to be provided with Lateral Flow Test kits for home testing, please click the following link to register and we will provide your child with Lateral Flow Test Kits to continue testing at home.

[Click here to complete request for COVID-19 Home Testing Kits](#)

If you would like testing kits for more than one child at Biddick Academy, please complete the form twice. Deadline is **Friday 29th October 2021 at 12 noon.**

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Out of school vaccination clinics opened up to 12 to 15-year-olds

I am writing to let you know that you can now access additional opportunities for your child aged 12 -15 to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

Until now, 12 to 15-year-olds have been offered vaccinations as part of the ongoing school vaccination programme.

The NHS national booking service (NBS) is now available to book a COVID-19 vaccination at a convenient location in the same way as people aged 16 and over.

[Book a COVID-19 vaccination](#)

This will mean that those who have not yet had the chance at school, or were unable to have the vaccine at school, can get vaccinated elsewhere, as quickly as possible.

All vaccinations will be given by staff who are specifically trained in the delivery of vaccinations for children and young people.

Centres providing sessions for 12 to 15-year-olds include the large vaccination centres, local community pharmacies and some local vaccination sites.

All appointments offered will be outside of school hours, including evenings and weekends – with daytime appointments available during half term. More locations and appointments will be added regularly to the NHS NBS.

Information about consent will be provided via the NHS NBS and will also be discussed before vaccination takes place.

Parents or guardians who have questions about vaccination are encouraged to make a booking for their child and have a conversation with the healthcare professional at the vaccination location.

12 to 15-year-olds are encouraged to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Both nasal flu vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination will continue to be delivered to pupils, through agreed local arrangements.

Parents who wish to have their child receive a flu or COVID-19 vaccination in school should provide consent for this when asked via their child's school.

We're really pleased that there is now more choice for parents for where and when their child can get their COVID-19 vaccine, just in the same way there is choice for adults.

This gives 12-15 year olds more options and will help make sure everyone can get a vaccine as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Neil Watson

Chief Operating Officer for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – North East and North Cumbria