



1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we have welcomed students back into school. We have been impressed with the maturity and positivity with which students have returned to school and it is clear from our drop-ins into lessons, that students' engagement with their learning is very constructive and that they are enjoying being back in the classroom, as indeed staff are!

There are a few students whose routines and personal organisation are not yet as good as they need to be, and some students need to address, in particular, their punctuality to school on a morning. We expect students to be seated in their tutor rooms, when the bell goes at 8.45am when the register is taken. There is a warning bell at 8.40am to help them. A few students are leaving it very tight and this has resulted in late marks on their records. Punctuality is a life skill and being late makes a disruptive start to their day. It also impacts unfairly on the tutor group as a whole. After the holiday we will be informing students of some changes regarding "lates detentions" that will now be held after school, but I would ask for your support in ensuring your son/daughter arrives in good time for school to avoid this consequence.

I hope you will enjoy reading your copy of the Spring newsletter that showcases some of the amazing work that students did during the recent lockdown. It also pays tribute to some of the organisations and companies that have supported Maidenhill over recent months with donations of resources and equipment. We are very grateful to our local and wider community for their help during this prolonged period of disruption to school life. We really appreciate your practical support and words of encouragement. They really make a difference to what we can do for our young people.

We are very grateful that students and families are doing their utmost to keep everyone as safe as possible during the continuing Coronavirus pandemic. Students should continue to test themselves twice a week, including the Sunday night before we return to school on Monday 19th April. If your son/daughter tests positive during the first week of the holiday, please ensure that you let us know via the dedicated email address: outofhours covid19@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk, so that we can in turn track and trace any students/staff that subsequently need to self-isolate to keep others safe. Please do remember that if your son/daughter has any symptoms or if you are in any way uncertain, please keep them at home and seek a PCR test as soon as possible.

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If there are any operational changes due to new government guidelines for schools that come out during the Easter holidays, I will of course be in touch to update you. In the meantime, I wish all students, parents/carers, staff and our wider community, a happy and safe Easter. Let's hope that the weather allows us to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with family and friends outdoors in a safe way.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs P Wilson
Head Teacher

If students are displaying any of the following symptoms, they should NOT attend school:

- **New and continuous cough**
- **High temperature**
- **Loss or change in sense of taste or smell**

(Please note: If a student develops any of the above symptoms whilst in school, parents/carers will be required to collect their son/daughter immediately. Please ensure you always have someone on standby to do this.)

If students live in the same household as anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms, they should self-isolate. (Please check current government guidelines at the time; currently this is 10 days).

Students should follow quarantine rules following any travel abroad – please see government guidelines.