

Dear Parents/Carers

I promised to only send a monthly bulletin, but it has been such a special, emotional and joyous week, as we have welcomed students back that I wanted to keep you updated. Firstly, thank you so much for your support this week in ensuring that students have returned to school safely. We have been overwhelmed by the support from parents. We have 99% of students who have consented for testing (with 95% of students having now had their first test) and we have virtually 100% compliance on facemasks apart from those who are exempt. We now just need to keep this going! We will complete the third tests for all students next week and will then move to students to completing their tests at home. These are very easy to do, and students have adapted easily to the testing in school. There is more information about home testing below. However, if for any reason students are unable to complete home tests, please let us know as we will continue to operate limited testing where required on site. As students will need to take their test kits home it is vital that they have a school bag, so these do not get damaged.

Please continue to ensure your child has the correct uniform, and equipment so we can focus on their face-to-face learning and welcoming them back into our classrooms. It has felt far too long without them all in the building and we are delighted the Elizabethan family is back.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks  
Principal

## Uniform

The vast majority of students have returned to school wearing their uniform smartly and with pride however, there are some who are not in full uniform. This week staff are reminding students of the expectation of wearing shoes not trainers, ensuring ties are worn and removing sweatshirts and hoodies from underneath blazers... please support us if your child is not in full uniform by ensuring s/he is by Monday, this includes no gel or false nails, facial piercings or unnatural hair colours. If, in the current situation, you are unable to meet the cost of the uniform we may be able to offer financial support. Please email [finance@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) Students should only be wearing their school PE kit on the days when they have PE on their timetable and again a small number of older students are pushing the boundaries with this and wearing PE kit when they should be in uniform! It would help us if you could ensure your child is in the correct attire each day thus avoiding us having to contact you to bring his/her uniform into school. As always, we are very grateful to parents/carers who send their children into school in the correct uniform and equipped for the day ahead

## Safeguarding

The following link to the Young Minds website offers sensitive advice to our young people who may be struggling with body image coming out of lockdown ... if this relates to your child, please take them through the tips listed

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/tips-if-you-are-struggling-with-body-image-in-lockdown/>

### Home Testing

We are in the process of arranging for home testing kits to be issued to students. These can be used by students from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March onwards for home testing. When students register for their third on site test they will be issued with two packs of tests which will provide them with sufficient tests for up to the Easter holidays. Home testing should be completed twice a week, on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Results should be reported to both of the links below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/ymvzhz23>
- <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

For more details on how your data is controlled, please read the privacy notice <https://tinyurl.com/re3p6t9t>

A helpful video on how to self-test is available on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/7b3jfwjk>

Covid Coordinator: Chris d'Albuquerque and Kelly Ward – [covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

### Incident Reporting

#### Clinical issue

If there is a clinical incident which led or has potential for harm, participants are advised to report it on <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk> This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

#### Non-clinical issue

For incidents occurring at home, participants are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc.) to 119 in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and 0300 303 2713 for Scotland.

#### Inform the Education Setting

Participants should inform [covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) about ongoing test-related problems, so that they can check if this is a wider issue across other users.

If your child cannot be tested at home for any reason, please contact the Covid email address ([Covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)) and we will organise a test in school.