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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my message in the end of term newsletter, I wanted to write separately regarding a couple of items. In addition, I have been asked to share with you a letter from Lucy Wightman, Joint Director of Public Health – North and West Northamptonshire Councils.

Testing and Vaccinations

The Government have made it clear to us that we should continue to use Lateral Flow Testing twice per week to limit the spread of Coronavirus. The guidance which has been shared with us encourages all staff and students to test themselves during the half-term break and again before they return to school on Monday 1 November. Testing and self-isolation for those who are positive remains one of the tools available to limit the spread of the virus.

Public Health England have informed us that vaccinations will take place at Guilsborough Academy on Monday 22 November and Tuesday 23 November. I understand there are opposing opinions within our community. However, these vaccinations are managed by Public Health England, including all consent forms etc. Guilsborough Academy staff are not responsible for any part of the administration of the vaccine programme, other than to supervise students who are on site, as we would do at all other times. Consent forms are due to be sent out to parents and carers on Monday 1 November. This date may change depending on the rate of progress with the programme.

Transport and Parking

The academy continues to work closely with the local authority transport team and the transport companies directly to ensure our students are transported safely and in a timely manner. Occasionally delays do occur and I appreciate the understanding of parents and carers when this is the case.

I understand traffic is challenging during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. The front car park at Guilsborough is relatively small which makes access difficult. Where at all possible, parents and carers can help to reduce the impact of this by dropping students off earlier and picking them up later. Over recent days, the number of vehicles queuing on the main road from as early as 3:05pm has been increasing. This is creating a safety issue and I have been asked to request that parents and carers consider this and arrive from 3:15pm.

Finally, a big thank you for each of our students. This term we introduced our new 'Attitude to Learning' scores in every lesson and the response to this has been really encouraging. I was able to host a group of Year 7 students for a hot chocolate and some biscuits earlier this week in celebration of the great start they had made. In the coming weeks, we will be celebrating the many ways our students are contributing to the positive atmosphere at Guilsborough.

Have a restful break.

Yours faithfully

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