

30 April 2021

Dear parents/carers

Yesterday, the coronavirus infection rate in England dropped to its lowest level since September, which is incredibly heartening news. Reflecting this, we have not experienced a positive case of Covid in school since we returned to school on 8 March, (although I do not want to tempt fate!).

Consequently, we have made the decision to take another step in decreasing our Covid restrictions and moving towards an increased semblance of normality. When your child returns to school on Tuesday, they will be able to move between classes for their lessons rather than staying in the same classroom for the whole week. The main benefit will be that all of our pupils will be able to enjoy specialist teaching in specialist spaces (e.g. music, computing, design technology, drama etc). It will also allow us to develop the skills they will need in later life, such as organisation and forward planning. For our youngest pupils, it will be the first opportunity they have had to experience all the facilities that Goldington has to offer. Please make sure your child has all the equipment they will need for the day packed in a suitable bag: stationary, a coat, a water bottle and their packed lunch (if appropriate).

Many of our safety routines will remain the same. Crucially, pupils will continue to wear masks, sanitise their hands when entering or leaving a classroom, and all windows will be open at all times to allow for ventilation. An updated risk assessment will be available on our website on 4 May.

We would urge you to support us all by making sure that you and your family take twice- weekly lateral flow tests. We have been distributing these to the pupils, so please make sure they are used. We recommend taking the tests on a Wednesday and a Sunday.

One final change is that students in key stage 3 (years 7-9) will be leaving school at 3.35 pm. Students in key stage 4 (years 10 and 11) will be dismissed at 3.40 pm.

Your child has been told about these changes today and has been handed their updated timetable in form time.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email your form tutor in the first instance.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish you and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Galbraith'.

Francis Galbraith  
**Principal**