

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

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Message to all Trust parents and carers

Good morning

Stay safe ... **Hands, Face, Space**

Wootton Academy Trust [WAT] is working really hard to keep everyone safe and the school and college open. We very much hope that the second countrywide lockdown will lead to a reduction in the number of cases and therefore falling numbers going into hospital.

Thank you

WAT is enormously grateful for the prompt action many parents/carers and learners are taking if they suspect that someone in their family or somebody the family has come into close contact with starts displaying Covid symptoms. In particular, the Trust would like to say thank you for the speed parents/carers start self-isolating.

Your prompt action and our own health and safety measures are helping to keep the school and college open. Many schools across England including schools in Bedfordshire and Luton have been forced to close to some pupils. This is the case locally with some large upper schools and also in our own admissions area with some of the lower schools.

The number of positive tests in Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire is increasing; this means it is more likely that we will be impacted and therefore, even more important we seek to follow the rules.

Did you know?

In Bedford Borough, **Wilstead** [which includes **Wixams**] was the council ward with the highest number of cases last week with **twenty** positive tests for Covid 19. Some Trust learners live in Wilstead and Wixams. There were **seven** positive tests in **Stewartby and Elstow** and **six** positive tests in **Wootton**. Clearly lots of WAT learners live in Wootton and Stewartby.

We also have lots of learners from **Kempston** and **Bedford** where there were increased numbers of confirmed positive tests.

In Central Bedfordshire, the council ward with the highest number of cases across the whole of Central Bedfordshire was **Cranfield and Marston** with **twenty-seven** positive tests, higher than larger towns and villages such as cases, **Shefford** [22], **Stotfold and Langford** [21] and **Amphill** [19].

None of us want schools to close and therefore, please be really vigilant. Please continue supporting the school and college.

I know parents/carers will support Mrs McMorn and Mr Detheridge if they find it necessary to impose sanctions on individuals who break the rules.

All of our children and young people have missed too much time from their education and we all have to do everything we can to keep safe, by following the basic rules of regular hand sanitizing, wearing face coverings and social distancing.

We all need to remind our children and young people to remember the key safety measures of **hands, face and space** when they are outside of school and college including travelling to and from Kimberley and Wootton.

The Trust hopes that this latest lockdown puts a brake on the R-rate and the increasing numbers testing positive and growing numbers being hospitalized. **The fact that this week the UK is likely to reach the awful milestone of 50,000 Covid 19 deaths for patients who have had a positive test within twenty-eight days of their deaths is truly shocking.** We can take heart that a vaccine is on the horizon and likely to become available during 2021, however, in the meantime each of us has to be on our guard.

Yours sincerely



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