

# CRANBROOK SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTICES



WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Will Chuter – Head

Dear Parents,

It was inevitable that Covid would land on us again, and this week I have been very pleased with how the school community has risen to challenge what is now an old foe. We have been lucky up to this point: while other schools in our area had been dealing with up to 200 cases a week this term, our numbers were minimal. I hope now that we will see cases flattening out soon. I reminded the school on Wednesday (as I took myself into isolation!) that we have got through this twice before – so we can do it again, smiling. If your child is at home with Covid, I hope they (and you) are coping well. Please ensure that you contact their tutor about work if you feel they are struggling – or do not have enough!



I hope you managed to experience DanSing yesterday or are going tonight. I am bitterly sorry to miss it, but look forward to the video. The CSPA Artisan Tasting Evening last week was a terrific event: thank you, CSPA. It was a pleasure to be part of it and to talk to so many supportive parents.

[Parents' Survey](#): if you haven't yet filled this in, please could you do so by Tuesday, when it will close? The feedback we have already received has been invaluable in terms of moving the school forwards.

I hope the weekend is not too stormy where you are!

Will

## Mandy Smart – Deputy Head

**Covid:** Following the request to increase testing at home, I thought it wise to circulate the up-to-date information on carrying out a home LFD test. The [attached leaflet](#) shows the varieties of the tests available. The tests distributed from school will either be the Acon Flowflex or the Innova test. Please continue to LFD test and **report your results to the [School](#) and [NHS](#)**. Test kits are available from Barham.



Please ensure that students have a **clean** face covering to wear at school. Fabric face coverings must be washed each day. We continue to monitor the Covid positive figures daily and will review the current requirements on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Just as a reminder of procedures:

- If your child has **one or more** of the symptoms of Covid (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of smell or taste) they must isolate and **seek a PCR test, not an LFD test**.
- If your child has a positive LFD test, they must isolate and seek a PCR test to confirm.
- If they are a close contact they are not required to self-isolate, but should seek a PCR test. If the PCR is negative, they should be cautious and regularly take a LFD test for 10 days after the contact.
- Do not take a LFD or PCR test if you have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days.
- A LFD is for precautionary testing when you do not have symptoms of Covid or you have been a close contact.
- [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Please remember that anyone aged 12-18 can now seek a Covid vaccination through [NHS online booking](#).

Please contact me ([SmartM@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:SmartM@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)) or Sam Gleadow ([GleadowS@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:GleadowS@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)) if you have any further questions regarding Covid.

**A reminder that the Careers Fair takes place tomorrow in the Sixth Form Centre from 10am until 12pm. There will be representatives of careers and general information available.**