



Headlands HEADLINES

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Headteacher's message

I am going to start this week's Headlands Highlights with some great news from Mr Fairlamb and the sports department.

Following a successful bid, compiled by Mr Fairlamb, the school has been awarded £5,000 from Active Humber, acting on behalf of Sport England.

The Opening Schools Facilities funding is Department for Education (DfE) funding to support schools to open their facilities outside the normal school day (after school clubs, evenings, weekends, and holidays) to allow young people more opportunities to be physically active.

Funding will be targeted to support students eligible for free school meals, and provide more opportunities for students with special educational needs to take part in activities.

Well done again, Mr Fairlamb!

This week, our students, those in school and at home, have all worked incredibly hard. At the time of writing, we are hoping we can welcome back all our students onto the school site from next week.

However, we must continue to remain really vigilant with COVID-19 cases rising across the region. Should the situation change we will notify parents via InTouch email.

Keeping ourselves safe and well in work, and in our homes is going to be a key priority over the coming weeks and months as the Government COVID-19 restrictions completely disappear from 19th July.

See page two of this newsletter for our response to the updated Government's Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance.

Whilst we welcome the guidance from the Department for Education, we continue to remain very cautious about our

responsibilities in balancing a return to a new "normal" in September, alongside keeping our students, staff and in turn our families, as safe from COVID-19 transmission as possible.

We anticipate this guidance will change between now and our return to school and will endeavour to keep you as up-to-date as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

Looking forward to September, can I also confirm who will be responsible for Year groups moving forward:

Year 7 - Miss Massey

Year 8 - Mr Buckby

Year 9 - Mr Wilson

Year 10 - Mr Gilbert

Year 11 - Mrs Douthwaite

Stay safe and well,

PS: It's coming home!

Sarah Bone

Careers Corner

- The Team Headlands Careers Google Classroom is suitable for all year groups and is updated every week with links to videos, motivational talks and toolkits to help students decide on the right career for them. We would encourage parents to take a look with their children at the resources. The code is auz5ijv.

Sign up for Parent Voice meeting

We would love you to join us in our last Parent Voice meeting of the year, on Thursday, 15th July at 6pm, which has a 'behaviour for learning' focus.

It will give parents the chance to meet our new Deputy Head for student character Miss Brown and help shape the plans for next year.

The current Behaviour For Learning Policy can be found on the Policies page of the school website and we would like your feedback on this, as well as how we reward our students.

Please email admin@headlandsschool.co.uk to confirm your attendance and we will send the link for the virtual meeting.

We Will Rock You auditions

Auditions continue for next year's Team Headlands school production of We Will Rock You.

Year 7 and 8 main role auditions will be held after school on Monday, 12th July.

Dancers, chorus and smaller roles will be auditioned in September.

Don't forget to sign up to the Google Classroom - 4xbcc7w

Headlands' COVID response

Earlier in the week, parents and carers were emailed a link to the updated Government's Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance. This page outlines our response to key aspects of the guidance:

Guidance: No longer recommended it is necessary to keep students in consistent groups from September 2021

Our response: Wherever possible we will continue to keep students in consistent groups from September to support the NHS in being able to undertake Test and Trace of students.

Please note, as has happened in 2020 - 2021, when discussed and agreed with parents and carers, students can move groups, if required for either academic or pastoral reasons.

Assemblies can resume

Assemblies were permitted under old guidance. However, we will continue to take a week-on-week view on this, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases in school and the local area.

Should in-person assemblies resume, they will continue to take place in the Sports Hall where it is possible to seat students one metre apart and the space is well ventilated.

No longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch

Split breaks and lunchtimes to remain in place to allow opportunity for COVID-19 transmission to be minimized.

Students will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and informed they have been a close contact and advised to take a PCR test.

We assume NHS Test and Trace will inform students of the advice to get a PCR, schools will be asked to provide the contact details. We will await further clarification from the Government.

Face coverings will no longer be advised for students, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

Students will be advised if they wish to wear face coverings they can, in any area of the school. This request has come from our students.

Staff will be advised to wear face coverings in communal areas and in classrooms when they are circulating. When teaching at the whiteboard they are two metres away from students and can therefore remove them.

Ultimately, we need a workforce to be able to deliver in-person teaching, therefore, in line with the British Medical Association's recommendation, we will continue to strongly advise staff to wear face coverings or face visors wherever possible from September 2021.

Visitors, as staff, will be asked to wear face coverings in communal areas, including meeting rooms.

Face coverings no longer legally required on dedicated school transport.

Students will be advised they can wear face coverings on dedicated school buses to school, if they wish to.

If they travel on a Headlands School minibus, students will be required to wear one, unless exempt.

This is to ensure Headlands School staff and students are protected in a close environment, as best we can, from COVID-19 transmission.

Schools should have an Outbreak Management Plan.

Please find ours on the school website at www.headlandsschool.co.uk/virtualschool/ under the Home Learning Guidance for Parents and Students tab.

Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Hand washing will continue to be promoted and hand sanitizers will continue to be available in corridors, toilets and classrooms.

Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes

We will continue to work with the PFI provider, 14-40, to ensure appropriate cleaning schedules are in place.

Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

Throughout the pandemic we have rated the "risk" of airborne COVID-19 transmission as Amber, due to the variable ventilation in the variety of indoor school spaces we have.

We will continue to ensure staff are, as the guidance says, 'opening external windows' and in addition 'opening internal doors' to assist with creating a throughput of air.

We also recognize the need to balance air flow with maintaining

a comfortable temperature in the classrooms.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms, or has a positive test, they should remain at home.

We will continue to reiterate to staff, parents and carers and visitors and students that if anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms they should remain at home and follow public health advice.

Asymptomatic testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection in schools.

All students should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests, three-to-five days apart, on their return in the autumn term.

Staff and students should continue to test regularly, even during the summer holidays.

We will write to parents and carers this week for an update on consent regarding Lateral Flow Tests.

We will write to parents and carers in the last week of term outlining our plans for September.

Where a child is required to self-isolate because of COVID-19 they should be recorded as Code X on the register.

Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of the COVID-19 they will be recorded as Code I (illness).

From 16th August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

So that parents and carers are aware, recording an absence as a Code X does not count as an absence on a Student's Attendance Register. Code I does.

This does seem unfair. Students who have COVID-19 will potentially have a poorer Attendance Register than those who have been identified by NHS Test and Trace and advised to self-isolate.

We will continue to work with families to ensure they are not penalised due to COVID-19 infection.