



Lady Lumley's School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parent and carers,

As we approach the end of the second week of lockdown 3.0 I want to say how impressed I have been with how the students are coping, they are showing incredible resilience in what are challenging times. There is a significant improvement in terms of attendance at remote lessons and engagement with work and increased dialogue between students and their teachers compared to the first lockdown. I would also like to publicly thank all the staff, whether they be working from home or supporting our key worker students in school, for all their hard work.

We currently have between 40 and 50 key worker students coming into school at present which is double the numbers we had during the first lockdown. We are of course more than happy to continue to support our key worker parents and offer this provision but with infection rates so high students are definitely much safer at home and I would encourage key worker parents to keep students at home if at all possible.

There has once again been a lengthy debate about the provision of free school meals for eligible students during school closure in the media this week. Fortunately, we have steered well clear of food parcels and will once again be issuing supermarket vouchers to those parents/carers whose children are not in school and who are eligible for free school meals. The vouchers will be with those parents/carers shortly and will cover the whole of this 6-week half term.

As you will be aware, I have been the Headteacher in an acting capacity since Mr Bramley's accident in June and his subsequent retirement at Christmas. The time has now arrived for the Interim Executive Board (IEB) to appoint a new permanent Headteacher and they will be interviewing for this post on Monday and Tuesday of next week. I have been incredibly proud to lead the school over the last few months, but I am sure you will appreciate it has been an incredibly challenging time; what with the publication of the Ofsted report, Academisation and a coronavirus pandemic. Having reflected long and hard, I have made the decision not to apply for the permanent Headteacher role. There are 5 really strong candidates being interviewed next week and having worked alongside the IEB over the last few months I have every confidence in their ability to appoint a fantastic new Headteacher who I look forward to working alongside as we continue to move the school forward. I will of course keep you updated and let you know the outcome of the interviews next week.

As always, any questions, concerns or positive feedback please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe. Stuart Cleary

## Covid-19 Testing in School

With the ever changing 'lock down' challenges that schools are facing we have successfully completed setting up our lateral flow Covid -19 testing site. On Wednesday we tested all staff that were in school and on Thursday all keyworker and vulnerable children were tested. I am pleased to report that they all tested negative!

We will be carrying out weekly tests for staff and students that are in school until the current lockdown ends.

Mr Ahmed and Mrs Gibbs



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**Additional Data**

Families can request FREE mobile data increases for students without broadband and/or who can't afford extra data. Three, Virgin Mobile, Smarty, EE, Tesco Mobile, Sky Mobile and Vodafone are all taking part. If you are eligible please complete the form by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/Response.aspx?id=09d8c6c2-0000-4000-9000-000000000000>

**ParentPay**

We would like to again encourage all parents and carers to access their ParentPay accounts. This is where all information is sent out through email. If you do not have your ParentPay account set up yet then please contact the school at [admin@ladylumleys.net](mailto:admin@ladylumleys.net) and we will then send you the information needed.

Many thanks.

**School Crossing Patrols update**

We have received an update from NYCC about the school crossing patrols. The following crossing patrols are now back on duty:  
Potter Hill  
Teal Lane/Westgate  
Park Street except Tuesday mornings  
PCJS except Tuesday and Thursday mornings

**Student Absence from Remote Learning**

Even though students are working from home we would still appreciate it if you could let the school know of any illness or appointments which would result in your child not being able to access itslearning. This will ensure that the school does not contact you unnecessarily.  
Many thanks.

**Useful Contact Information:**

**Main School Office:** 01751 472846

**Attendance:** 01751 470005

**Sixth form:** 01751 470024

**Finance Office (ParentPay):** 01751 470043

**Admin Email:** [admin@ladylumleys.net](mailto:admin@ladylumleys.net)

**Student Support Email:** [support@ladylumleys.net](mailto:support@ladylumleys.net)

**Twitter** @ladylumleys

**Out of Hours Covid-19 :** 07308 305913

**Supporting wellbeing**

During these uncertain times it is important to look after our wellbeing, so here's a reminder of where you can look for support or guidance:

**Student Support email** -[support@ladylumleys.net](mailto:support@ladylumleys.net) available for students who might be finding things difficult at the moment. A member of the pastoral team will reply to this email.

**Young Minds** – Their website includes guides for both parents/carers and young people. As a school we successfully raised over £500 through our 'Hello Yellow' non-uniform day back in October.

**One You** - The 'Every Mind Matters' campaign from the NHS includes guides on dealing with change, self care and dealing with social media. There are tips for parents/carers to help support children who may be struggling with their mental health.

**NHS England** – A clear article with tips and guidance on what to do if you're a young person and you're struggling, including further links to other websites and support.

**Rise Above** – Orientated towards young people, this website has plenty of videos and tips on a wide range of wellbeing and mental health issues.

**Compass Buzz** 'Buzz US' service - Compass BUZZ offers a confidential text messaging service to young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire. By texting the service on 07520 631168 you will be able to receive confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text.



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