

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

19 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to see our students back in classrooms full time from Tuesday onwards this week. From my conversations with students, I know they are pleased to be back learning with their peers again.

COVID update

We have not had any COVID cases this week and I hope this continues as we move into the last two weeks of term before the Easter holidays. Our risk assessment remains in place to keep students and staff safe in school and I'm really impressed with how our students have adapted to wearing masks nearly all day and following our cleaning routines and one way system. However, we have been contacted by some residents who are concerned that some of our students are congregating in groups on their way home from school. Please could you remind your child that, at this time, they should go straight home from school and not socialise in groups in groups in the local community.

Lawnswood Census 2021

As you are no doubt aware the national census takes place on Sunday 21st March. In school we are also going to be conducting a census to allow students to see the types of questions that are asked. We will then be using this information to give the students and staff an insight into our school and how census information is used to shape future decisions. The information collected will be kept securely, when sharing results, no identifiable information will be used. Students will be supported to complete our school census and we hope that this will help them understand more about the national census too.

Uniform

Whilst we understand that at the moment it can be challenging to buy more uniform, we are keen to ensure that our students still wear their uniform with pride. During the next two weeks we will be talking to students whose uniform is not up to scratch and ensuring they have the full uniform as soon as possible but definitely after the Easter holidays. If you are struggling to buy shoes or uniform, please do get in touch with your child's Head of Year or Year Manager and they will be able to support you.

Uniform Sustainability Swap

We have been working with Zero Waste Leeds on setting up our uniform exchange. There will be a green bin in student reception for students and parents to drop off bags containing uniform. Please make sure that the uniform is of good quality and clean; a good rule of thumb is to drop off items that you would be happy for your own child to wear. We welcome **all** items of our uniform, including PE kit. We will have a pay-as-you feel stall at every parent event and welcome volunteers to get involved with this initiative: collecting batches for washing; minor repairs; publicising our efforts; occasionally running the

stall. We are committed to continuing to support families in our community and aim to do our part in supporting the aim of making Leeds a Zero Waste city. An interesting fact: if every new school starter in Leeds had just one item of second-hand uniform, 122,000kg (over 68 million litres) of CO₂ could be saved.

Focus On Your Future

We are currently working on contacting ex-Lawnswood students to join our alumni group. We would like to be able to share details of destinations with our students to inspire them to explore different careers. If you are a member of Linked In, you can find our group: Lawnswood School Alumni at: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12445042/> or please contact our Career Development Coordinator, Sam Gill samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk. We hope to be able to send out the occasional update to this group to let them know what current students are involved in so please spread this message to friends further afield.

Free School Meals

These are being provided through the Easter Winter Grant scheme and you will be issued with supermarket vouchers via the School Voucher system that we've used previously. We will order these during the last week of term, so they are with you before the holidays.

Key Dates:

In the next few weeks, you may want to be aware of the following:

Friday 2 April	Easter break. School will be closed to all students.
Monday 19 April	School re-open for the summer term.

I hope you and your family have a nice weekend and we look forward to seeing our school community back on Monday.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher