

9 September 2021

Dear parent/carer

I wanted to write to you again to share important information.

Our Y9/10/11 and Y13 students have returned to school and we look forward to Y12 starting on Monday. It has been great to welcome students back to get lessons and a rich extra-curricular programme up and running again.

#### **Covid**

We have spoken with all students about measures that can help keep everyone safe and well. This includes testing for Covid twice weekly, we recommend Wednesdays and Sundays. Unfortunately as in many schools we have not yet received the latest delivery of home test kits. Once we do we will distribute these to students. If you have run out you can pop into any pharmacy or chemist and they should be able to give you test kits at no charge or you can request them free on-line at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> for free home delivery. Regular testing for asymptomatic cases is important. Anybody testing positive must stay at home and take a PCR test. Thank you for your help with this.

#### **Traffic**

The road closure of Vandyke Road to the east of the school is predictably causing problems for everyone in the vicinity. I voiced concerns to the local authority who are the highways agency when we were informed of the road closure and I requested a site visit once students returned. This took place on Wednesday when I met with a traffic officer here to consider what measures the council could put in place to ease the situation. I have requested a further meeting next week to review this.

In the meantime please do not bring a vehicle to school unless essential. If parents/carers contact C Beds Council, your local councillor and Andrew Selous MP to express your concerns this will carry weight. Concerns are around both congestion and road safety for our children. I am in regular contact with Gilbert Inglefield Middle School so that we can make a co-ordinated approach. Thank you for your help in this.

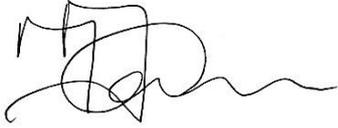
#### **Governors**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and two vacancies for community governor. If you are interested in applying for either or would like to find out more about being a governor here please contact the clerk, Barbara Britton, at [brittonb@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:brittonb@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk)

We will continue to keep you updated with developments through regular letters and our fortnightly Vandyke Voice newsletter.

If you have any enquiries please email [office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk) and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Carroll', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Carroll