

SG/kb

5th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had a good week. I am pleased to say that there have been no reported positive cases this week, which is excellent news.

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working over the last five weeks, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you are doing supporting your child's learning during this time.

It is important that we take steps to understand how you are coping and whether you require any additional support. To help us make sure we are providing the right support, for you and your child, we would like to know your thoughts on our approach to home learning and your child's well-being. This will enable us to find out what we are doing well, where we could be better and make sure we are meeting your needs and the needs of your child.

This is a link to a parent survey: <http://bit.ly/OusedaleHomeLearning>. If you could please take the time to complete it.

When completing this survey you should use the tick boxes to indicate how much you agree with the statement provided in the 'Statement' column. These will be used to see what we, as a school, are doing well and what needs to improve.

The space provided at the end of the survey allows you to include further comments you may wish to share. This information is useful for identifying individual experiences or areas not already covered in this survey.

In the sections, please tick one box in each row to indicate how much you agree with each statement.

If any of the statements do not apply to you, or you do not wish to volunteer the information, please place a tick in the 'Not applicable' column.

Use the 'Further comments' box at the end of the survey to include any additional information or comments you may have.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and your feedback is important to us. Please provide your child's Year & tutor group; you have the option to provide your child's name. We look forward to your comments.

Whilst we have been focusing on attendance to lessons, we are now exploring ways that we can increase student engagement and participation. Therefore, from Monday, both teachers and students are being encouraged to turn on their cameras in lessons. This is by no means compulsory as we are aware that not everyone might feel comfortable with this or have the IT

facilities to be able to do this. However, from Monday, some subject teachers may invite students to turn on their cameras if they would like to. We hope that this will add a more interactive element to some of the lessons. PALs will have discussed this in assemblies this afternoon as safeguarding of both staff and students is our main priority. Students will be informed that they must:

- be dressed appropriately
- have a suitable background
- not record or screenshot any part of the lesson

The school's expectations regarding behaviour remain the same as if students were in school and parents will be contacted immediately if any concerns arise regarding conduct in lessons.

As part of our attendance monitoring, if your child is unable to attend their lessons due to illness, or any other reason, please continue to report this to the school via Parentmail or the admin@ousedale.org.uk email address. Our Attendance Officers will then inform your child's PAL or subject teachers as appropriate.

Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers for your support of the parents' evenings this week. There was very high attendance and the feedback from parents/carers and staff was very positive, making both evenings very successful. A reminder it is the Year 11 virtual achievement awards evening next Thursday and that Friday 12th February is an inset day.

Finally, we are looking at a 'click and collect' service' to enable students to collect exercise books, paper etc. from school because in some cases students are running low on resources. More information will follow soon.

Have a great weekend and celebrate the end of January and hopefully a warmer and brighter February!

Regards,



Stuart Glover
Acting Headteacher