

Uffculme School Newsletter

Easter 2021

Moving Forward

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This term has been another extraordinary time. Another lockdown has come and gone, on 23rd March we marked an anniversary that none of us really felt like celebrating, the students came back (again), staff and some students have got used to testing twice a week, and the sun has finally begun to shine again.

Although it is apparently due to snow next week (so much for Spring) and the break from school is welcome. I can't help but hope that it goes quite quickly. We are already starting to implement our plans for the Summer term. I'm very excited to share that we will all be celebrating the opportunity to be 'Moving Forward'. Students will be thinking about what they have learnt about themselves, what they want to achieve in the future, enjoying their favourite activities and spending time with each other to continue to rebuild friendships and relationships. We will also be working with a film maker to create a story of Uffculme and will be reaching out to parents and carers to share their experiences of the past 12 months, and how they will be 'Moving Forward'.

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with some parents and share some brilliant ideas for improving school communication as we 'move forward', learning from the technology that we have all become dependant on over the past 12 months. If you have any thoughts or ideas on this, please complete our parent survey which will be made available after the break. As always if there is anything more personal that you would like to share, please get in touch, we are back to hosting parent meetings on site in a Covid secure environment.

I hope you all manage to enjoy some sun over the next few weeks. Please stay safe. We aren't over this yet, but we are 'Moving Forward'.

Best wishes

Charlotte

Parent Questionnaire

At the beginning of the summer term the school will send a questionnaire out to all parents/carers in order to give you an opportunity to voice your thoughts/opinions of how you, your children and the school have coped during the last 12 months of lockdown. How we as a school community have worked together, what we have learnt and how this challenging time has impacted on us all and what we can do in the future in the best interests of our pupils. We will use this information in our planning with regard to moving forward.

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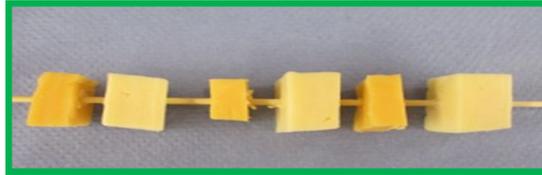


3/4EA have enjoyed planning ahead with Gaynor this half term! We have started our new project for the front entrance of our primary site. We have been planting hanging baskets and decorating planters to spruce up our entrance this summer! We have also loved exploring the new forest school



3/4/5/6B loved Forest School. We all had lots of fun on the swings and hammocks. We loved playing in the sunshine. It looks AMAZING with the new mud kitchen and tree stump balance course.





In 1/2T we made cheese skewers



1/2B had lots of fun in our Colourscape session.

We made shadows in the lights and enjoyed making different sounds on the microphone.

1/2B are happy to be back in school with their friends and trying new activities.



5/6T have had a fantastic time at Forest School together. We explored the mud kitchen, shared a picnic, relaxed in the hammock, balanced on logs and climbed trees.



Year 5/6E have been working hard to make improvements to an area of the path at Woodlands. We have discovered how hard gardening is! Recently we all enjoyed using the power drill and ratchet screwdriver to remove lots of old trellis.

WE NEED TILES

SPECIAL REQUEST from 5/6 E

Please can we have any spare tiles, any size, any colour all will be appreciated! Can any donations please be left outside the portacabin at Woodlands and reception informed. Thank you.

In foundation we have been learning about transport. We enjoyed rolling the wheels down the hill, being pulled along on the big tyre and playing with the trains.



KS3SH/AA have enjoyed being back at school and playing with their friends.



After the lockdown, 3/4G have really enjoyed Forest School as part of their new school routine.



Inter-form Sports Competition

Just before lockdown we held our main curriculum inter-form competition for 2020. All students in our 5 main curriculum classes took part in basketball, football, and hockey activities. They really enjoyed trying to score as many points as they could for their form class



Winners - 11.5 points
KS3SM
Congratulations



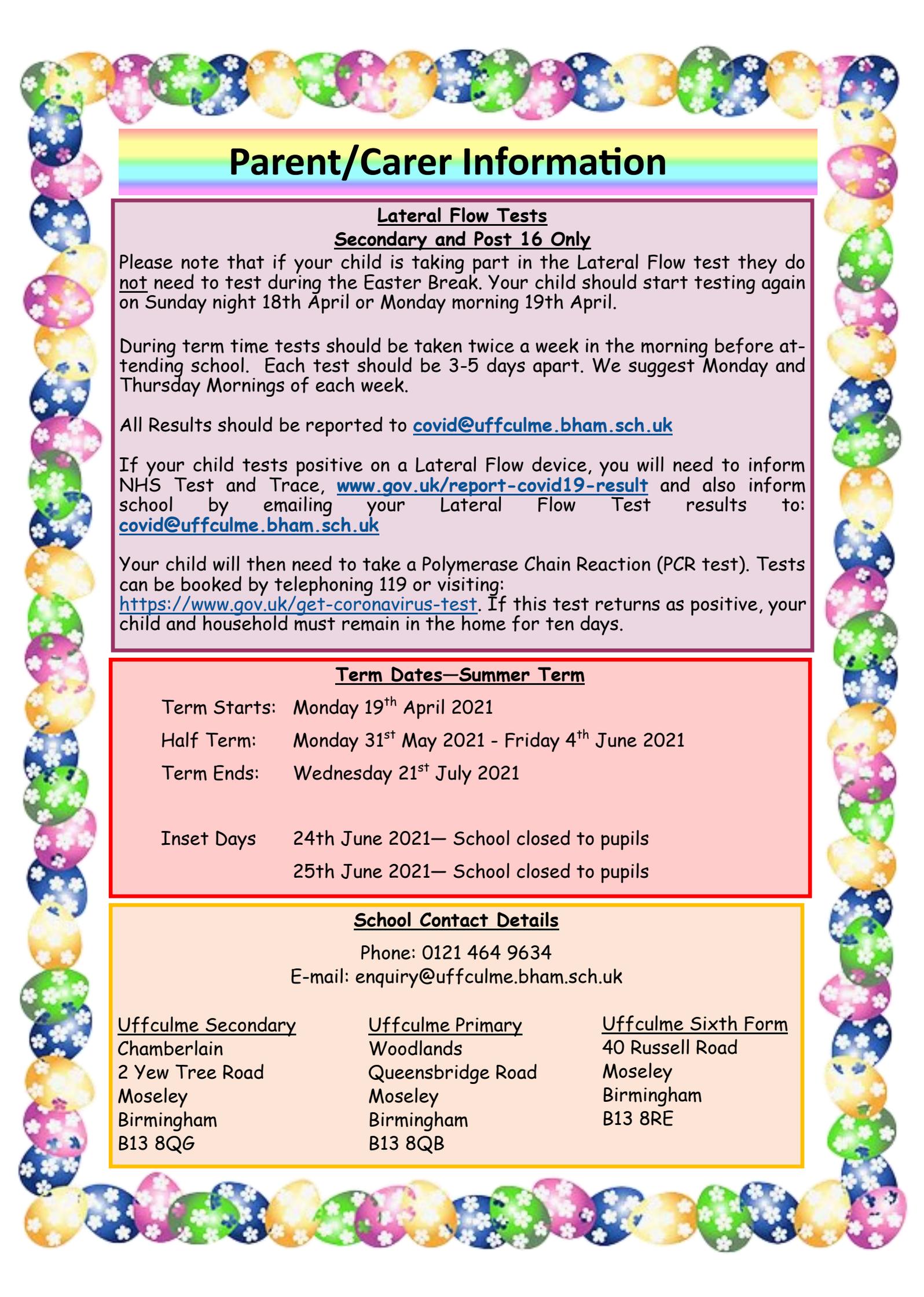
Jay and Rehaam scored the most goals in football with 3 goals from 3 attempts

Individual success



Tyrone in KS3 scored the most points in basketball with 6 points from 3 attempts

Well done to all students and staff who made it a very enjoyable (competitive) week in the PE hall.



Parent/Carer Information

Lateral Flow Tests

Secondary and Post 16 Only

Please note that if your child is taking part in the Lateral Flow test they do not need to test during the Easter Break. Your child should start testing again on Sunday night 18th April or Monday morning 19th April.

During term time tests should be taken twice a week in the morning before attending school. Each test should be 3-5 days apart. We suggest Monday and Thursday Mornings of each week.

All Results should be reported to covid@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow device, you will need to inform NHS Test and Trace, www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result and also inform school by emailing your Lateral Flow Test results to: covid@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

Your child will then need to take a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR test). Tests can be booked by telephoning 119 or visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If this test returns as positive, your child and household must remain in the home for ten days.

Term Dates—Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Inset Days 24th June 2021— School closed to pupils

25th June 2021— School closed to pupils

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Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Following the return of all our students on 8 March, there has been a significant increase in traffic across all our sites. To keep everyone safe, we are reviewing the routines for the start and end of each day. There will be some changes at the beginning of next term and would ask for your support in working with us when they are put in place. We will put information on the website about any changes as soon as they have been

Attendance

In the unfortunate event that your child is unable to attend school, please call the school first thing in the morning to report your child's absence, choosing option 1.

The school needs to speak directly with parents/carers of the pupil in question.

If you are not able to call, the Attendance Officer will make attempts to call home as required under safeguarding procedures.

Home to School Transport

If you have any queries with regard to your child's transport these should be directed to Travel Assist using either of the following contact methods:

Tel: 0121 303 4955, *Option 3 then Option 2*

Email: travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk

If a bus is late to pick up or drop off your child please contact National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) directly on 0333 241 2745.

Please note that if the school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents/carers.

Parent Questionnaire

Since September 2020 there has been a great deal of focus on improving the service provided by Travel Assist and transport. We would like to give some feedback on the experiences that Uffculme families have had. Please take the time to fill in questionnaire using the QR code or link below.



<https://forms.office.com/r/uXUJVYmcSm>