

# Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a really peaceful and relaxing break.

It was lovely to see our young people returning to school yesterday and to welcome new students and staff to the Castle family.

We are hoping that as the term progresses we can return to some level of normality and will keep you updated as we move forward. We have taken the decision to postpone our sponsored cycle until the summer term next year. Those of you that are in training, please keep that up over the winter and for those of you not in a training routine, please start planning one. We will be doing our cycle from Framlingham Castle next May.

We will be announcing more about the new school shop in the coming weeks and will be looking for help to set it up and run it.

## Sad News

It was with very great sadness that we received the news of the death of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form student Joshua Dolling in August following a period of ill health. Members of staff attended Josh's funeral to share our condolences with his family and to celebrate the life of this remarkable young man.

If you require any support, please do contact school. You may also find it helpful to visit the website 'Winston's Wish' for additional support [www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org)

We will be planning how to celebrate Josh's time with us and will share that with you.

## Changes to Guidelines

As restrictions are lifting our process in managing positive cases of Covid-19 has changed. I shared a detailed letter about this with parents earlier in the week, but in general terms:

## Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in the school

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19, the individual concerned will be sent home. They will be asked to arrange a PCR test and to share the results with us.

## Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in the school

If a child or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, they will be asked not to attend the school for at least 10 full days from the day after their symptoms appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date that the PCR test was taken.

## What you can do

If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you **notify the school immediately** and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

### Lateral Flow Tests


Twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests are **only** for use with asymptomatic children and staff and should continue to be carried out at home. Where a **positive Lateral Flow Test** is recorded, the member of staff or student will immediately begin self-isolation at home and **must have a confirmatory PCR test**.

### Staying Safe

We can no longer insist that individuals wear face masks but would encourage everyone to continue to support safe practice on the school premises and grounds and to wear face masks if they wish. Our objective has always been to make our school as safe as it can possibly be and we will continue to be vigilant with respect to good ventilation, regular hand-washing, thorough cleaning regimes and minimising close contact.

Thank you once again for all you have done, and continue to do, to keep our school community safe.

### Children’s Community Specialist Nursing Service

**DO YOU NEED TO GET A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON DISCHARGED HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR RECEIVE CARE IN THEIR HOME TO PREVENT WARD ATTENDANCE?** 

The Children’s Community Specialist Nursing Service could help..



We are a specialist multi-disciplinary team offering community healthcare to children and young people up to age 18.

Areas covered – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (excluding Wisbech)

Referrals can be discussed/made by using the CCN referral form or by contacting the teams\*:  
 Cambridgeshire – 01223 218061  
 Peterborough – 01733 847060

\*Please ensure you have all the information required to complete a telephone referral.



Website  
<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/children-s-community-specialist-nursing-service-home>

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### NCS

A huge thank you to the amazing group of NCS volunteers who offered their services to Castle during the holiday. Below is a picture of the NCS crew who did a fantastic job helping to

transform/tidy a specialist room, the Carisbrooke garden and a courtyard.



### Term Dates 2021 to 2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

Training Day	1 September*
Term Starts	2 September
Training Day	22 October*
Half Term	25 – 29 October
Training Day	26 November*
Term Ends	17 December

#### Spring Term 2022

Training Day	4 January*
Term Starts	5 January
Half Term	14 – 18 February
Term Ends	1 April

#### Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	19 April
Bank Holiday	2 May
Half Term	30 May – 3 June
Training Day	8 July*
Term Ends	21 July

\*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days

Best wishes

*Chris*

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