

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it's already the start of another new academic year! We are very proud of the excellent results our students achieved and how they have progressed onto university and employment with confidence.

To the parents/carers of our new Year 1 students, we are so pleased your child has chosen to continue their education with Highlands College and are very much looking forward to getting to know them over the next couple of years. You will have been made aware of the extensive support systems we have here via open evenings, our parent/carer handbook, and dedicated section of the College website for parents/carers; [Parents | Highlands College Jersey](#). This is to help ensure new students settle in as quickly as possible. Your first point of contact is your child's **personal tutor** who will call you early in this half term.

To the parents/carers of our returning students, we hope they have enjoyed their Summer break and are returning rested and eager to continue their learning.

Ahead of the new term, CYPES have requested that we remind you of the current Covid guidance:

'COVID measures in education settings for teachers and parents

Ahead of the return to college next week, teachers and parents are reminded of the public health measures that remain in place. These include:

- lateral flow testing at home
- nobody should attend if they have symptoms of COVID
- nobody should attend after a positive test until they have completed the recommended isolation period
- improved ventilation including the use of CO2 monitors and air filtration devices
- hygiene protocols and guidance
- promotion of vaccination

Symptoms

It is important that we all watch out for the symptoms of COVID.

Nobody should attend an education setting if they have symptoms of COVID. If you have symptoms, you should stay at home and book a PCR test.

Lateral flow testing

All children and staff who attend nursery, school or college should take lateral flow tests twice per week.'

Although treatments are better and symptoms, overall, less harmful, we still need to be vigilant to manage risks.

While writing, I would like to make you aware of an **additional college closure day on Friday 21 October**, as agreed by the Government of Jersey for teachers and teaching assistants (in all education settings) as part of the 2022 pay settlement. The Autumn half term will therefore commence on Thursday 20 October, contrary to what has been previously advertised.

Meanwhile, we are so looking forward to welcoming your child at Highlands College from **Monday 12 September**.

Working together with parents and carers we look forward to an enjoyable and successful time for your child studying with us.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Terry-Marchant
Principal