



# WALTON HIGH

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Dear Parents

## COVID-19 Update 19

It was great to welcome students back throughout the week and, even if some would not admit it, we know that they were equally pleased to be here. All students now have a very clear understanding of the changes and their role in keeping themselves, their families, staff and the wider community safe.

Attendance has been excellent. We should like to thank parents for having the confidence to send their children back to school and supporting their education and overall well-being. The very few absences we have had are largely due to families quarantining on their return from holiday. We should also like to thank these families for following the rules as by so doing they keep others safe.

Only a couple of students across both campuses have been kept off school because parents are concerned about the virus. Hopefully in the coming days we will be able to reassure these families that, with all the measures we have in place, Walton High is a safe place.

[Annex A](#) shows that the number of positive tests in Milton Keynes remains low but we must not be complacent. Any student who fails to adhere to the school's expectations will be dealt with robustly and we should be grateful if parents would continue to reinforce the importance of compliance.

### **Arrangements for students who are unable to attend**

The arrangements we have for students who are unable to attend will vary depending on the reason for absence.

### **Students who are well but are in quarantine or self-isolating**

Work will be set on Firefly, which will be linked to what students in school will be studying. It is very important that this work is completed to the best of the student's ability to prevent them falling behind their classmates. Students on the Special Needs Register will receive support from Learning Support Assistants who will ensure they are able to complete the work set. Pupil Premium students will also receive support on a daily basis. All students may contact their teacher via Firefly for help but this will not be "live" support because the teacher will be busy teaching the rest of the class.

### **Students who are not attending school on medical advice**

These students will be set work as above but we will also be trialing the live streaming of some lessons. In the event of lengthy absence, we will also ensure that the student has ongoing remote social contact with their friends.

### **Students who are too unwell to attend school**

No work will be set when children are too unwell to attend school.

**Students who are not attending school because they think it is unsafe**

No work will be set but the Pastoral Team will work with the family to get the child back to school as soon as possible. In such circumstances, we would also expect parents to seek support from their family doctor to help address their child's anxiety.

All students working at home should expect a weekly call from their Tutor who will check how they are getting on and will follow up any additional support that may be needed.

**Keeping things under review**

Already this week we have made some minor changes to the way we do things in light of having students in the building. I am sure that when everyone returns on Monday, we will have to make further adjustments until things settle. Please bear with us during this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Michelle Currie  
Executive Principal

# Annex 1

3 September 2020 at 4:00pm

## Cases in Milton Keynes ▾

Cases data are available for **nations**, **regions** and **local authorities**. ✕

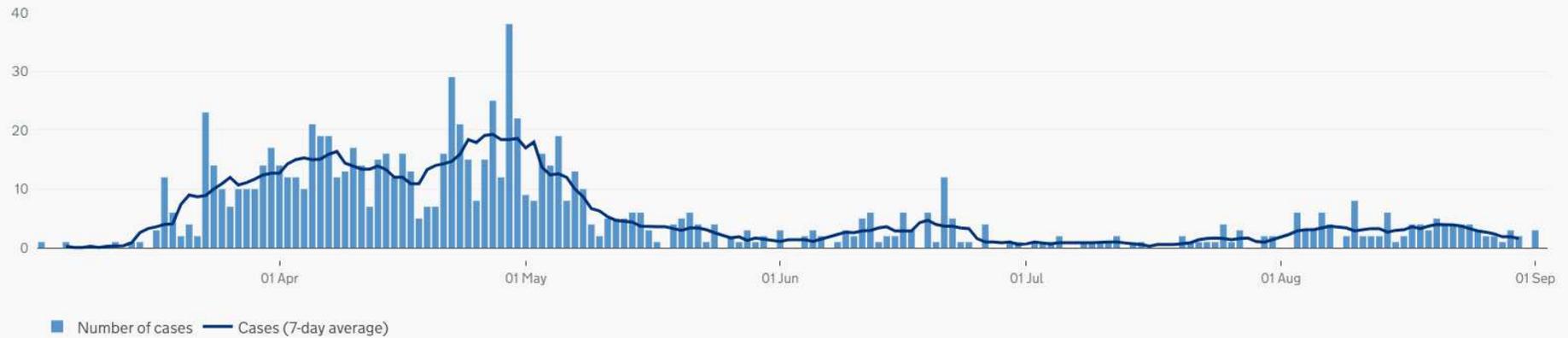
### People tested positive

Daily Total  
4 977

### Daily cases by specimen date ↓

Number of people with at least one lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, by specimen date. Individuals tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test.

Daily Cumulative Data About



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