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COVID-19 Update 22

Dear Parents

Whilst cases of the virus are increasing across Milton Keynes ([Annex A](#)), overall they still remain below the national average rate. However, as the table in [Annex B](#) shows, the number of cases within Walton High's defined area are the highest in the city. Unlike many other schools in Milton Keynes, so far Walton High has not had to send home any students but this is purely the result of good fortune. Parents should be aware that it is highly likely to be only a matter of time before we have a positive case that will require some students to self-isolate at home for 14 days. As parents rightly expect, we have plans to ensure we are able to minimise disruption to students' learning should they need to self-isolate. Parents are also advised to plan for this eventuality.

The rapid increase in cases nationally and locally makes it even more important that we all remain careful in our social interactions, especially between households indoors, if we are to prevent further limitations on our daily lives.

It is also now more important than ever that **all** students comply with the mitigation measures the school has put in place to keep staff and students safe.

Walton High continues to keep its risk assessment under review (https://www.waltonhigh.org.uk/images/COVID_19_risk_assessment_Walton_High_2020_10_08.pdf), but other than the amendment to the school's Behaviour Policy to reflect the emerging issue with mobile devices and movement around the building (explained below), we have not made any substantial changes. Whether or not we need to require the use of face coverings in corridors is kept under constant review.

Social distancing and mobile devices

It has become apparent that students gathering around a phone or other device during their social time is the biggest cause of students forgetting the need to remain socially distant from each other. This is undermining the school's efforts to restrict the number of contacts a student has whilst in school.

To address this issue, if a student's use of a device results in social distance (at least an extended arm's length from others) not being maintained, it will be confiscated. For a first offence, the device will be returned to students at either 15:20 or 16:20 depending on their usual departure time. Students who have a device confiscated more than once, will be required to hand it in at the beginning of the day for a period of five days. The collection time will be the same as above.

Whilst we recognise that the later departure for those students not following the rules may be inconvenient for some parents, the student can prevent this becoming a problem by ensuring they comply with the school's rules regarding the use of mobile devices. Please discuss these expectations with your child(ren).

If we find a significant number continue to use their mobile devices in an inappropriate way, all students will be banned from using mobile devices in their social time.

Taking the scenic route to lessons

The one-way system in the corridors is an important risk mitigation measure. Whilst there is virtually total compliance with the direction of travel, some students are choosing to take the scenic route to their lessons.

After six weeks, all students now know the way they should go to get to the next lesson on their timetable. Unfortunately, a small number are either wilfully choosing to take a different route or are too lazy to check their timetable properly or think about the route they need to take.

From Monday, any student who fails to use the correct stairs, or who takes the wrong route to their classroom, may be issued with a 30 minute after school detention for the same day. Although there is no requirement to notify parents of the detention, if staff have the time, they will do so as a courtesy. Please note, if notification is given, the school is not asking for parent's permission as schools have the authority to discipline students for breaking school rules (<https://www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions>).

Face coverings

The optional use of face coverings is kept under constant review but as there has not been any change to the Government's advice relating to their use in schools, we do not propose any change at this time. This means for now, these will continue to be optional. Where face coverings are worn, the school's protocol for their safe use must be followed, including the need for a student to have a personal supply of hand sanitiser. Pocket sized bottles may be purchased from Student Services for 50p.

Leaving at the end of the day

Students must not congregate outside the school at the end of the day. Parents who collect their children are asked to meet them away from the immediate vicinity of the school to help disperse students in a socially distanced manner.

Year 7 'Flu vaccination nasal spray

The Immunisation and Vaccination Team has advised that the take up for the 'flu vaccination nasal spray for Year 7 students at Walton High has been positive (342 out of a possible 478 and rising) but nearer 100% would be ideal. Many thanks to the parents who have completed the e-consent form and, by so doing, are helping to protect their family and the wider community.

A reminder that the vaccination will be administered on

Tuesday, 13 October **Brooklands Campus**

Tuesday, 17 November **Walnut Tree Campus**

Our partners in the NHS have advised that it is not too late to sign up if you have not already done so; the school's unique reference number needed to complete the online form is 136842.

Digital divide

During the period of school closure, we were able to lend a significant number of computers to students who did not have access to one at home. When we reopened, these had to be returned as they were needed in classrooms. However, at the time I advised that we would look for a long term solution to help close the digital divide. To this end, Governors have agreed to buy out the lease on 150 computers that we will be able to lend to students on a long term basis. These will be replaced with new PCs for use in school.

We will roll out the allocation of these computers as soon as the new ones arrive and are commissioned.

Wisepay

Further to the technical problem Wisepay experienced earlier this week, we have now been informed that this has been resolved and that the next time you log into your Wisepay account you will be asked to reset your password using the link provided. If you have trouble with the link, please contact the Finance Team at finance@mket.org.uk to arrange for a new one to be sent.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

September 2021 Year 7 intake

Unfortunately, as a result of current restrictions that prevent large gatherings, we have had to cancel our Open Mornings for parents of children in Year 6. However, we have put in place a range of other ways families can find out about Walton High to decide whether this is the right school for their child.

This week, we have enjoyed seeing our students show their younger siblings around the school and next week there is an opportunity for parents with children in Year 6 who do not already have a child in the school to have a tour. If you know of parents who may be interested in entrusting their child's secondary education to us, please ask them to call 01908 677954 or email feedback@mket.org.uk for an appointment.

In addition to the prospectus, to further support parents' decision making, we will soon release a number of videos that will give parents an insight into what makes Walton High unique.

We are extremely pleased that Walton High continues to be a popular preference for families in Milton Keynes. For admission in September 2020, 983 applications listed Walton High as one of their preferred schools. With the house building in Walton High's defined area (Woburn Sands, Brooklands, Eagle Farm and Glebe Farm), we expect this number to increase for Year 7 entry in September 2021 and beyond.

As places at the school are in high demand, parents are advised to consider where they rank Walton High amongst the four preferences that they may list and ensure they submit the form by the deadline date which is 31 October 2020.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards



Michelle Currie
Executive Principal

Annex A

8 October 2020 at 4:00pm

Cases in Milton Keynes ▾

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

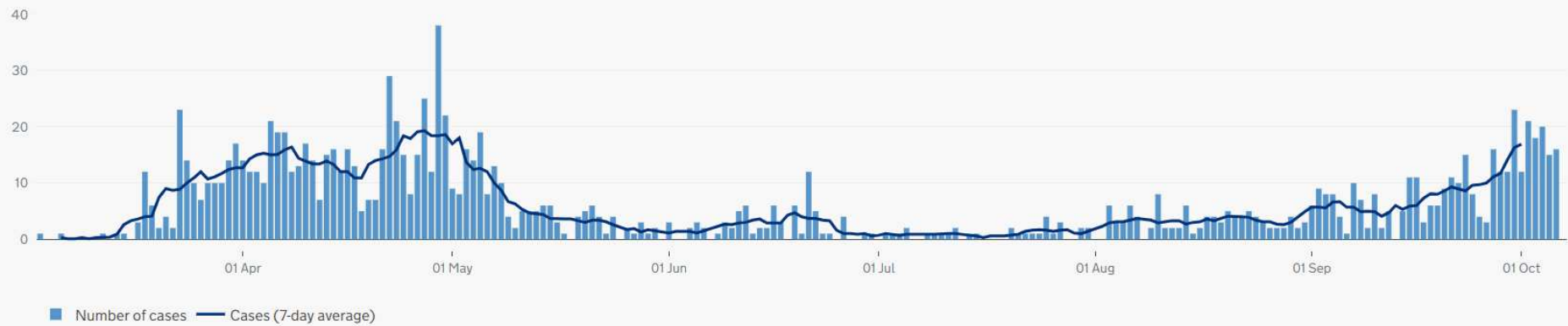
People tested positive

Daily Total
33 1,317

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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Annex B

Public Health England Weekly COVID-19 Positive Cases up to 4 October

Week ending	22/3	29/3	05/4	12/4	19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	31/5	7/6	16/6	21/6	28/6	5/7	12/7	19/7	26/7	2/8	9/8	16/8	23/8	30/8	6/9	13/9	20/9	27/9	4/10	Last 7 days	
Olney & Lavendon	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	3	3	3	
Hanslope, Castlethorpe, Sherington	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	3	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4
Newport Pagnell North	3	3	4	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	5	3	3
Newport Pagnell South	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4
Great Linford & Giffard Park	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	5	5	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Stantonbury & Bradville	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	7	5	6	6
Willen & Downhead Park	0-2	7	0-2	7	3	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	7	0-2	6	6
Wolverton & New Bradwell	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	5
Linford Wood	0-2	3	4	3	5	3	10	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	4	6	6	6
Stony Stratford & Old Wolverton	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Bradwell Village	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	3
Stacey Bushes & Fullers Slade	0-2	3	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2
Bradwell Common	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	5	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4	4
Central Milton Keynes & Newlands	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	8	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	6	6
Two Mile Ash	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Woughton & Woolstone	3	6	5	4	3	5	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	6	6
Broughton, Middleton & Kents Hill	0-2	4	11	8	9	17	13	10	3	3	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	3	5	0-2	5	3	0-2	5	10	10
Eaglestone & Fishermead	4	3	7	9	5	4	4	8	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4
Shenley Wood & Grange Farm	0-2	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	5	0-2	4	4	4	4	
Loughton	0-2	0-2	8	0-2	4	4	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Oldbrook & Coffee Hall	0-2	3	0-2	6	5	3	3	3	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	3
Walnut Tree & Tilbrook	0-2	3	0-2	7	0-2	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Denbigh	0-2	5	5	6	0-2	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	3	
Bow Brickhill & Woburn Sands	0-2	5	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Westcroft & Shenley Brook End	0-2	0-2	6	0-2	6	3	3	3	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	9	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	9	4	3	3
Furzton	0-2	0-2	4	3	0-2	5	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Bletchley North West	0-2	6	6	4	6	6	7	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Tattenhoe & Emerson Valley	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	7	0-2	0-2	3	3	
Far Bletchley	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	3	4	8	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4	4
Bletchley East	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	5	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Bletchley West	3	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	6	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	4
Bletchley South	3	5	0-2	3	3	0-2	3	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2

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