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Dear Parents

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Centre Assessed Grades – Summer 2021 external exam series

In late February, you will no doubt have seen in the media that this year's external exams have been cancelled by the Government and are to be replaced by Centre Assessed Grades. Schools have received guidance on the approach they need to take in awarding grades but also have some flexibility.

In order to ensure all students are treated fairly and receive the grade that accurately reflects the knowledge, understanding and skills they have gained in the subjects they have studied, Walton High will adopt the following approach.

From 12 April, every subject will be revisiting a representative selection of topics and concepts taught throughout the course. Students will complete a range of activities that will be continuously assessed by their teachers. This, together with existing performance data, will provide the evidence base the school needs to justify to the exam boards the Centre Assessed Grade awarded to students. As these grades are subject to moderation, they are confidential until results day which for Post 16 students is Tuesday, 10 August. Results day for Year 11 students is later the same week on Thursday, 12 August.

End of year assessments for other year groups

The aim of end of year assessments in all other year groups will be to identify students' strengths and weaknesses to inform next year's teaching and learning. The form this will take will vary by year group.

Year 7 and Year 8 – Students will complete classroom based standardised assessment tasks in all subjects at some point during the summer term. The format of these assessments will vary by subject, e.g. some may be practical activities whilst others will be written tests.

Year 9 – Students will complete a classroom based assessment for each subject they study in the week beginning 7 June.

Year 10 and 12 – in the week beginning 14 June, students will have formal exams in the Sports Hall following an exam timetable

Year 11 and Year 13 leaving date

The Government has announced that Friday, 18 June will be the leaving date for students in Year 11 and Year 13. All students in these year groups are expected to attend all lessons up to that point.

We will be looking at how we can mark this rite of passage in an appropriate way, Covid restrictions allowing.

Post-16 induction weeks

We are very pleased with the large number of students who have chosen to continue their studies at Walton High or to join us from other schools.

An induction programme will start on Monday, 21 June and finish on Friday, 2 July. All students who have applied for a place are expected to attend this fortnight of lessons and other activities that will provide an excellent introduction to the courses they will be studying in Year 12. Foundation activities to be completed over the summer will also be set during this fortnight.

Ms Read, Director of Post-16, will provide students with further details in due course.

Student home testing and face coverings

By the end of this week, all students taking part in the testing programme will have been issued with enough tests to last throughout the Easter break. Please ensure your child(ren) continues to carry out their tests and upload the results twice a week via the school's on line form [Register Your LFD Home Test Results | Walton High](#) and the NHS's portal. **It is especially important that all students carry out a test on the day before they return to school, i.e. Sunday, 11 April.**

On site testing for students who have opted into this service will recommence on Wednesday, 14 April.

We sincerely hope that the Government guidance on the need for students and staff to wear face coverings in lessons is amended before the start of next term. As taking part in the testing programme helps to reduce the risk of an infected person attending school, the more families that continue to carry out the tests, the less need there is for face coverings in classrooms. As well as the number of students continuing to take part in testing, the number of positive cases locally will also be taken into account. It is pleasing to see that the latest data ([Annex A](#)) shows that fewer cases are now being detected in our local community but as always, we must not be complacent as things can change very quickly.

We remain extremely grateful to families for taking part in the testing programme and students' forbearance in wearing their masks over the past few weeks.

I will write to parents and staff just before the start of the summer term to advise on expectations regarding face coverings when we return.

Free test kits available for parents from Central MK Library

Milton Keynes Council is offering free rapid COVID-19 tests to parents and support bubbles of school aged children.

Eligible people may now collect up to 14 free lateral flow home tests from Central MK Library. There is no need to book, register or even show ID to pick up your tests.

The council is making the whole process as contact free as possible; just turn up and ask a member of staff for the tests. Staff will be positioned at the main entrance during opening hours to take requests.

Parking is free at the front of the building for people briefly stopping to collect or take a test.

Central MK Library test centre is also the place to go if you are leaving home to work, or if you act as an informal carer for family, friends or neighbours. Workers and carers can receive a free on-site test overseen by an experienced guide. There's no need to book and the results will be sent to you within around 45 minutes.

The test centre is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 09:30am to 16:30, and on Tuesday and Thursday from 09:30 to 19:00.

And finally . . .

I wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable break as we all look forward to the summer and brighter days ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Michelle Currie
Executive Principal



Annex A

25 March 2021 at 5:17pm

Cases in Milton Keynes ▾

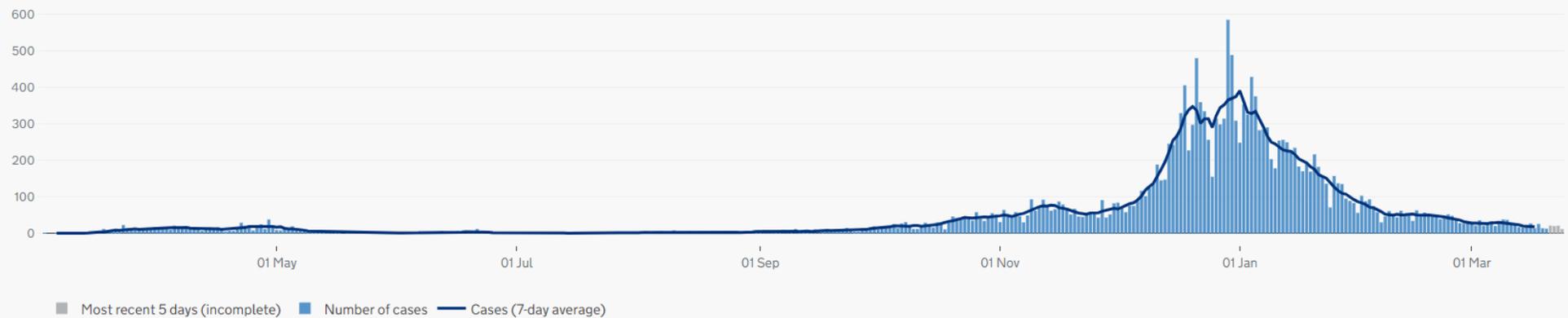
People tested positive

Daily Total
22 19,722

Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result, either lab-reported or lateral flow device (England only), by specimen date. People tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, are incomplete.

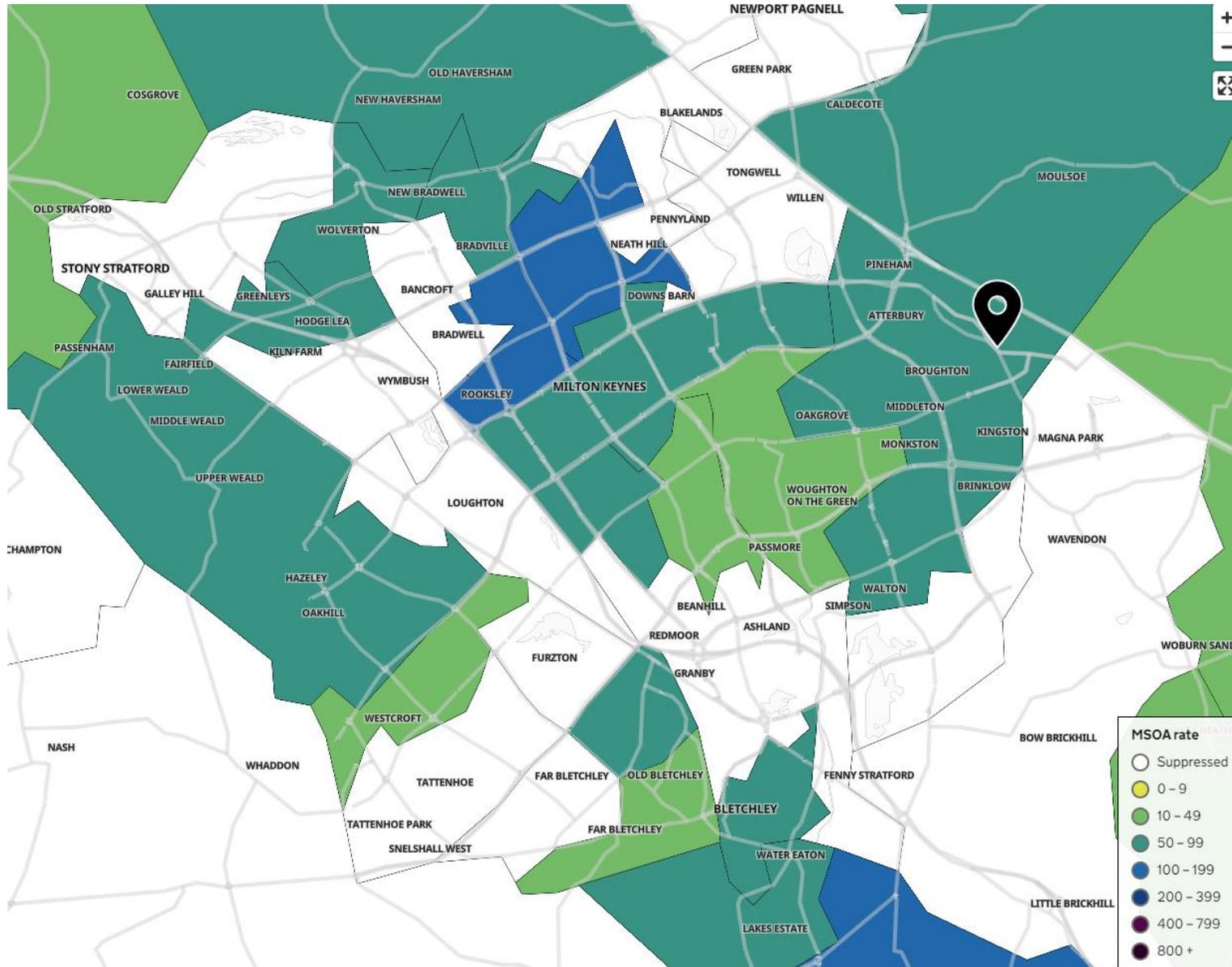
Daily Cumulative Data About



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Seven-day rolling rate of new cases by specimen date ending on 20 March 2021



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