



# WALTON HIGH

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Dear Parents

## Update 41

### Thank you

As the term draws to a close, I'd like to start this Update by acknowledging the excellent support of colleagues, parents and students throughout this challenging year. By working together, we have limited the disruption to learning and are in a good place to move forward apace in September.

I have been overwhelmed by the commitment, dedication and professionalism of colleagues which has certainly made my job easier than it might otherwise have been. For this I am enormously grateful.

I know that staff going the extra mile on behalf of your children has not gone unnoticed and parents' messages of support have been much appreciated.

### Arrangements for September

The Department for Education has eventually issued guidance on how schools should operate in September. It will be interesting to see how some of these proposals work in practice, especially those relating to the NHS Track and Trace team taking over the role of contacting students identified as close contacts in school.

Below is a summary of the main points relating to the day-to-day running of the school and Walton High's response. However, parents should be aware that, as required by law, Walton High will carry out its own risk assessment and may introduce additional mitigation measures depending on our assessment of risk at any given time. As has been our practice to date, we will do all we can to minimise impact on learning and keep parents fully informed.

DfE Guidance	Walton High's response
All students to be tested twice during the first week after the summer holidays	Same process used in March to be adopted. Details of the arrangements will be communicated to parents in late August.
Students expected to carry out twice weekly home testing throughout September. Government to review this mid-September to determine whether it will continue beyond that month.	Home testing kits will be issued to students, but onsite testing will still be available.
No need for a staggered start or end to the day	Y10 and Y11 will start at 08:30. The Post-16 timetable will run from 09:30 to 16:00 as advised in Update 40.
Students no longer need to be grouped in "bubbles" other restrictions on mixing removed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Class membership reviewed by teachers and some changes made. This means students might not be in the same classes next year, especially in Maths and English.</li><li>Teachers may arrange desks in blocks to facilitate group work.</li><li>Seating capacity in the café returned to normal levels.</li></ul>

DfE Guidance	Walton High's response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-way systems maintained but most stairs to become up and down again.</li> </ul>
No need for students to self-isolate if identified as a close contact by Test & Trace but are expected to take a PCR test and may return to school if the result is negative.	If a student refuses to take a PCR test, or fails to advise the school of the result, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days.
Good hand and respiratory hygiene should continue.	Students will still be required to wash their hands throughout the day. Tissues will continue to be widely available.
Continuation of enhanced cleaning.	Rooms and high contact areas will be cleaned at least twice a day
In the event of an outbreak of COVID in the school or local community, schools should be ready at short notice to step-up mitigation measures.	Plans are in place to ensure that measure can be reintroduced in a timely manner should the need arise.

If we are to successfully return to near normal in September, it continues to be of the utmost importance that everyone does their bit to limit the spread of the virus.

I'm pleased that to date, 80% of Walton High's staff has had at least one dose of the vaccine and the proportion that will have had two doses will increase by September.

Families will also need to play their part by continuing to follow the Government's guidance. Equally important, is supporting the measures Walton High has in place to ensure students' education is disrupted as little as possible in the coming year.

Regular testing will continue to play an important part in controlling the virus over the summer. This website lists the places locally where parents may collect additional tests kits when they run out of the ones issued by the school <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.

### **Response to 360°Review - Independent Learning Plans (ILP)**

Tutors have been having one-to-one meetings with students in their Tutor Groups to complete their ILPs. The aim is to have these completed, and any resources or support identified as part of these discussions, in place by mid-September.

Our aim is to share ILPs with parents by the end of the first half term.

### **Senior Team changes**

As you are aware, since Walton High's Brooklands campus opened in 2016, I have been based at that site with overall responsibility for all of Walton High and the day-to-day management of that campus. This will change in September when Mr Bennett moves for the Walnut Tree campus to lead the Brooklands campus. This change will enable me to divide my time equally between the two campuses.

The revised structure of the senior team is shown in [Annex A](#).

### **Parent feedback survey**

Many thanks to those parents who have found time in their busy schedules to provide feedback. This is very much appreciated. Where comments have indicated follow up is required, the most appropriate person will do this at the beginning of the autumn term.

There is still time to give feedback via the short questionnaire (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CV73JJD>) which on average is taking three minutes to complete. The survey will close at 16:00 on Monday, 19 July.

**And finally. . .**

I am sure families are welcoming the break as much as we are at Walton High. On behalf of everyone here, we wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



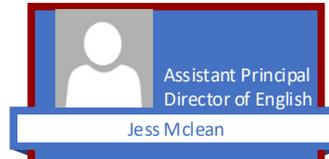
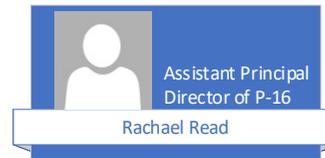
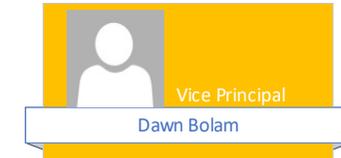
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# Annex A

## Walton High

Senior Team September 2021



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# Annex B

13 July 2021 at 4:00pm

## Cases in Milton Keynes ▾

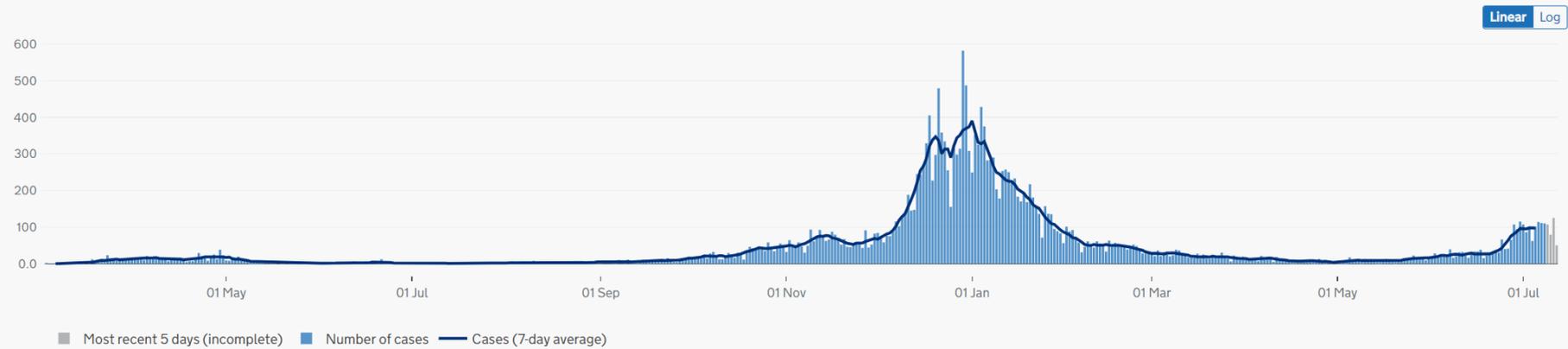
### People tested positive

Daily	Total
131	22,651

### Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result, either lab-reported or rapid lateral flow test (England only), by specimen date. Positive rapid lateral flow test results can be confirmed with PCR tests taken within 72 hours. If the PCR test results are negative, these are not reported as cases. 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.

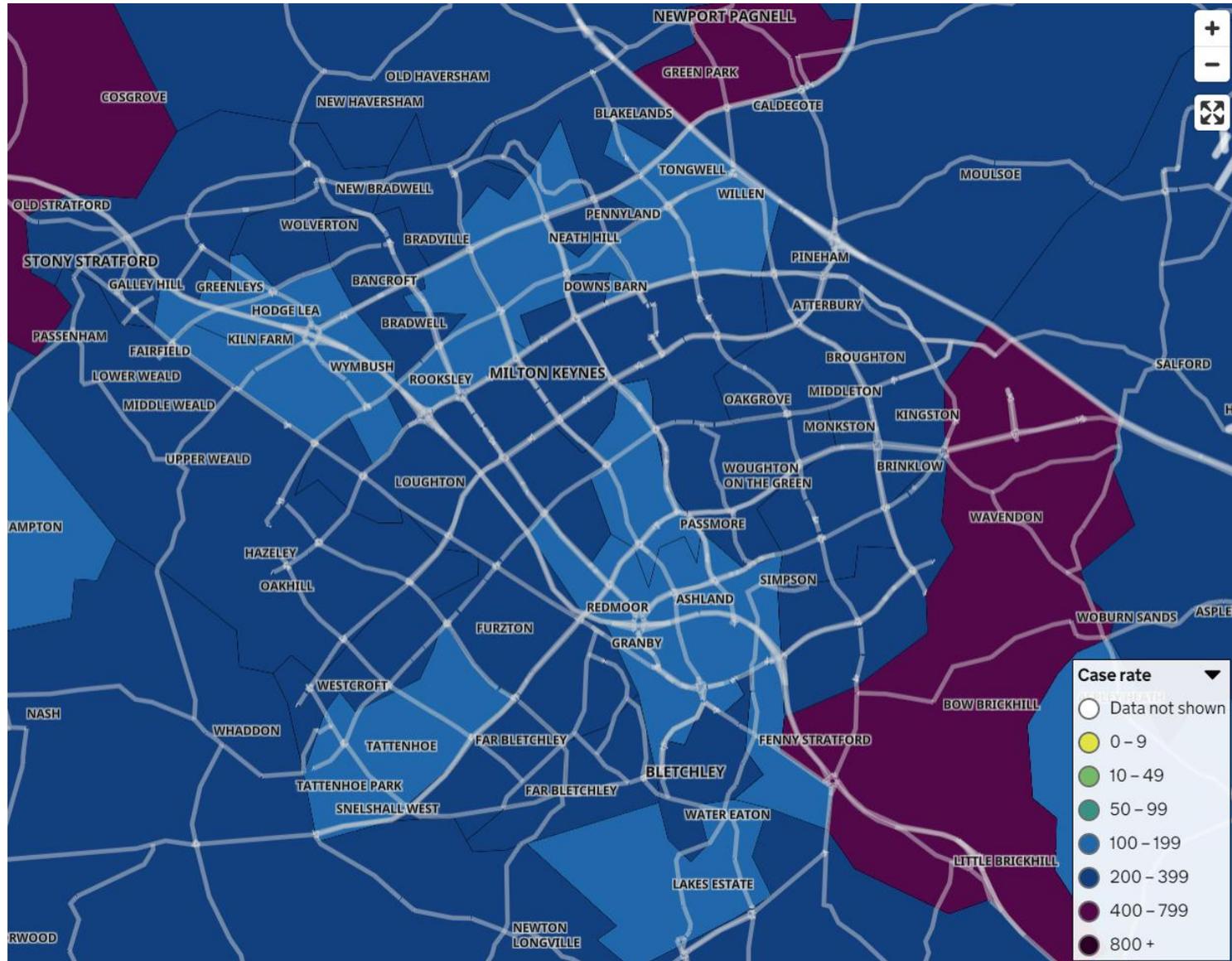
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## Seven-day rolling rate of new cases by specimen date ending on 8 July 2021



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