

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot tell you how brilliant it has been to see our school full of students this week. It has been really great to welcome everyone back to school.

Our school lateral flow testing programme has been running very smoothly indeed. I'm sure that you will all join me in thanking our amazing staff team who have been working flat out to ensure that all student and staff members are able to have their onsite tests. They've been nothing short of amazing. Thanks also to parents for your continued support with this project. We're now beginning to turn our attention to supporting the move from school to home testing. Students have now been given their first batch of home testing kits.

Please make sure you report the result of your home test by completing the NHS track and trace form and the form to the school: [Report My Test](#)

### **Message from the Ealing Safer Schools Team**

We would like to draw your attention to *Edible Drugs* and how they are being promoted using social media platforms namely Snapchat and Instagram. As you may be aware, cannabis can be mixed into cakes (hash brownies), tea, yoghurt or sweets (gummies/lollipops). The amount of cannabis in these products can vary greatly and sometimes other harmful drugs are added too.

Edibles take 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the user may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug isn't working. Overdosing with Edibles can be a greater risk because of this!

We ask that you monitor your child's food packaging/ wrappers for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused. Please be mindful of the medical needs should your child present with such symptoms, or if it becomes apparent they have consumed a drug laced substance. If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, we ask you report this information to the Police, School or Crime Stoppers so work can be done around these accounts due to the dangers Edibles present. The image below gives examples of some of the sweet packages and we also have

Included a link to Frank which gives more information and laws surrounding Edibles.  
<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis>

**Dormers Wells Leisure Centre Carpark** – Can I please remind all parents about the Dormers Wells Leisure Centre



# Dormers Wells High School

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carpark. You must not drive down the lane to the leisure centre carpark as it is being used as a mobile Covid 19 testing centre. The car park is closed to all vehicles. *Parents/carers must collect their children on Dormers Wells Lane main road only*

### Free School Meals

Your home circumstances may have changed throughout the pandemic and your children may be entitled to access the Free School Meals. If you require further information regarding the process of applying for Free School Meals, please contact the school and a member of the DWHS (Dormers Wells High School) team will support you with the application.

### STAY AT HOME AND SELF ISOLATE

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change in taste or smell), or if anyone is identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you must not send your child to school. There is more detailed guidance on staying at home in English and a range of other community languages through this link. Please also see this flowchart for parents. There is further information on latest NHS guidance on Coronavirus symptoms in children.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Ms R Walsh**  
Headteacher



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