



29 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Lateral flow tests

Please can you support your children to take their lateral flow test twice a week. We have been very fortunate so far with regards to positive cases but we can't be too careful.

Discussing challenging topics over the last few weeks

Over the last few weeks we have engaged students in discussions about a variety of challenging topics. We have been very proud of the way in which they have approached these sensitive subjects.

Our constant reminder is that we live in a diverse and rich community and we embrace that diversity as a school. We have also been referring to protected characteristics in law.

What are protected characteristics?

It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of:

- [age](#)
- [disability](#)
- [gender reassignment](#)
- [marriage and civil partnership](#)
- [pregnancy and maternity](#)
- [race](#)
- [religion or belief](#)
- [sex](#)
- [sexual orientation](#)

These are called protected characteristics.

You are protected under the [Equality Act 2010](#) from these types of discrimination.



A group of students have worked hard to bring together some displays which give us visual reminders of the work we have done on LGBTQ+ and the discord in the Middle East. As it is the Euros we have also taken the opportunity to promote some awareness of the various locations that the games have been played in.





Railway safety – advice received from Network Rail for Schools & Parents

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

We urgently need you to please share the relevant safety videos with your teachers to show in class or send the link to parents who can watch it at home before the summer break, as we traditionally see an increase in trespassing over this long holiday period.

If you have previously watched the safety talk video in your school, please note that there is now a new interactive video suitable for all ages called I Am Train Safe (see link below)

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the I am registered field when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

Extra curricular sport

The Year 7 football activators delivered their National Sport Week event on Wednesday 23rd June. They have worked very hard to prepare for the session and Miss Keys commented that they all did really well. We are very proud of their achievements.



Dates for your diaries

8 th July	Aspirations Day – focus on embracing diversity
8 th July	Year 7, 9 and new Year 11 parents' evenings with mentors
9 th July	Sports Day

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus