



GPN/THS
23rd September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Virtual Parent's Events

I am writing to update you on the current plans for parent events during this academic year.

Following consultation during the summer term in regards to parent events, and having taken advice from Public Health England and other professional bodies, we will continue to run virtual events this year. In reaching this decision we have considered the risk factors involved in having a large number of parents/guardians on site at the same time with students and teachers and believe that this is appropriate. Our primary aim in doing this to reduce the risk of transmission and case numbers, in order to minimise the number of students who may need to be off school due to Covid-19 and the potential impact on their education.

When a parent event is scheduled you will be sent information on the timings of the event and how to book appointments, these events will continue to be run through Edulink. In order to be able to book appointments and take part in these events, you will need to use the **parent account** login details; these features are not available in student accounts. If you need a reminder of your login and password, please contact us using parentcontact@sandysecondaryschool.com

Each appointment will be time-limited but should there be a need for a longer conversation, this can be requested as part of the appointment and will be arranged to happen at a later date. The decision regarding virtual parent events will be reviewed on a termly basis. This review will consider any changes in guidance and the current levels of cases within the surrounding areas.

Although most restrictions are no longer compulsory in schools, each school is empowered to continue with any such restrictions it believes necessary, to mitigate risks as much as possible. There is also a proviso that schools can, and should, reimpose further restrictions if necessary, due to localised outbreaks of infections, or under the direction of Public Health England.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Preston
Head of School