



Headteacher's Update – Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Daniel Burgon, Connor Ellingford, James Livesey, Rico Moretti, Luke Rainsforth, Jayden Richardson, Max Robertson, Oscar Robertson, Matt Terry, Tristan Waters (Year 8) - Wyre & Fylde Indoor Athletics Team Champions.

Lucy Appleton, Beth Bridgeman, Ella Flanagan, Ellie Francis, Beth Mazzola, Eleanor Robinson, Abbie Tilford, Izzy Tuck (Year 8) - Wyre & Fylde Indoor Athletics Team (2nd Place).

COVID-19 update

As set out in last week's update, with effect from yesterday pupils and staff are no longer required to wear a face covering in school. They remain optional for any pupil or staff member who feels more comfortable continuing to wear one. Face coverings continue to be recommended in enclosed spaces such as public transport, so please ensure your child has a face covering with them should they travel to school by public or school bus.

The testing programme remains crucial to reducing transmission of the virus and minimising the possibility of disruption to education. Please continue to ensure your child takes a twice-weekly LFD test and the result is reported both to school and the government website.

Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

On Wednesday 23rd February at 6.00pm we will be inviting Year 11 pupils, parents and carers to school for an exam preparation information evening. The evening will include guidance on how pupils can prepare most effectively for their exams this summer, and how parents and carers can best support them in doing so. We will also discuss strategies to help pupils manage their health and wellbeing at what can inevitably be a stressful time. Further information regarding this event will be issued shortly and we look forward to seeing you there.

Uniform standards

In my letter issued on 15th December, I reminded parents and carers of our expectations regarding uniform and appearance. In particular, I highlighted my concern about the failure of a significant number of pupils to wear the school skirt in a professional manner in line with our uniform policy. I know this is a view shared by many parents and carers.

Unfortunately, since our return to school in January there has been no improvement in this respect. As a result, as I suggested in my earlier letter, we will now begin a process of introducing a new school skirt with effect from September 2022. This process will include consultation with parents, carers and pupils and further details will be circulated shortly. In order to ensure parental feedback is co-ordinated effectively, please wait for details of the consultation to offer your views rather than responding separately via email.

Behaviour in the community

In recent days I have unfortunately received further complaints regarding the behaviour of a small number of pupils in the 'Booths' supermarket on Haven Road, including some instances of vandalism and petty theft. We have assisted the supermarket by reviewing their CCTV in order to identify pupils involved, which has resulted in a small number of pupils being banned from the premises by the store management.

If you are aware that your child uses the Booths supermarket, please remind them that this should be for the purposes of shopping only. In particular, they should not go upstairs into the Café and toilet area except in the circumstances that they are using the Café.

I must stress that I am very much aware, as are the store management, that the vast majority of Saint Bede's pupils who visit the supermarket behave impeccably when doing so.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher