



Headteacher's Update – Friday 5 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Afghan Refugee Appeal

Thank you for your extraordinary response this week to our appeal in aid of Afghan refugee children and families. We were overwhelmed by the volume of donations, which were delivered to the collection point this afternoon. A special thank you and well done to the pupils in our SVP group who co-ordinated the campaign.

Year 7 events

There are two important events involving Year 7 on Tuesday next week. Pupils will be taking part in a Safety, Health and Wellbeing Day, involving various activities ranging from CPR to Yoga and Meditation. We are also looking forward to meeting 'virtually' with Year 7 parents and carers during our 'Settling-In' event with Form Tutors on Tuesday afternoon.

Timing of the school day

Following a successful short trial period, the slight change to the timing of the school day outlined in my last update will become permanent. The morning break has been reduced by 5 minutes to 15 minutes in length, allowing Period 1 to increase to 60 minutes in line with Periods 2-5.

COVID-19 update

At the beginning of the week, I wrote to all parents/carers with an update regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Please remember to return the consent form indicating whether you wish for your child to receive a vaccine by Monday 15th November. If no consent form is received, your child will not be offered a vaccine in school.

Thank you for your continuing support with the LFD testing programme, which is helping to prevent transmission of the virus and minimise disruption to school. If your child produces a positive LFD test result, or experiences any COVID-19 symptoms, you should immediately arrange a PCR test via the NHS website. Your child must not attend school until the result is known. The main COVID-19 symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Have a happy and safe 'Bonfire Night' weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher