



Thursday 30th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the first month back at school, I thought it may be timely to write to you with a few updates.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 1st October

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day and we are raising funds for the charity Sue Ryder. Your child is able to come to school in non-uniform, but we kindly ask that they bring £1 into school to contribute towards this fundraising.

INSET Day – Friday 8th October

A reminder that as per our school calendar, on Friday 8th October, the school will be closed to pupils for our third INSET Day of the academic year.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 13th October

A reminder that on the evening of Wednesday 13th October, we will hold our Year 7 Parents' Evening. Further details regarding this will be communicated to you in due course.

Open Evening – Thursday 21st October

Our Open Evening for current Year 6 pupils and their parents will be held between 5:30pm and 8:00pm on Thursday 21st October. Details regarding this can be found on the home page of our school website. In order to support staff in preparing for this important event, as is usually the case on this day, **school will end at 2:10pm** and pupils will be dismissed at this time.

Presentation Evening – Wednesday 10th November

We are almost at the point of being able to confirm the names of the pupils who have won a prize for their performance during the academic year 2020/21. The pupils who have won a prize, and their parents, will be notified over the course of the next week and invited to attend our annual Presentation Evening. I am delighted that we will be able to hold this key event this year, having had to cancel last year's event as a result of the pandemic. It will also be my first Presentation Evening as Headteacher and I am very much looking forward to celebrating our pupil successes from last year with pupils, staff, parents and governors.

Extra-curricular activities

I am delighted that the COVID-19 restrictions have eased sufficiently to enable our rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities to commence. The timetable for the activities can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#). I look forward to seeing your children in attendance over the coming weeks.

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Parking at the front of school

A gentle reminder that cars should not be parked at the front of school. Over recent weeks, at drop-off and pick-up times, we have had instances of cars being parked immediately outside school and on a number of occasions, actually parked on the grassed area and pavement. I appreciate the inherent difficulty in finding a suitable place to drop-off and pick-up, but please can I ask that in the interests of our pupils' safety, that you do not park in these locations, even if it is only for a short period of time and you are waiting in the car. **Cars parked in this position will be asked to move on by our school staff and I am in contact with the Police regarding a regular patrol outside the school to deter this practice.**

COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 12-17

At the time of writing, I still have no more information than you regarding the planned programme of offering COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged between 12 and 17. As soon as I have further information, I will be in contact with you. I expect that this will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

I look forward to seeing you later in the term.

Yours sincerely,



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