

15 October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your support over the term so far. It is good to be able to operate the school on a significantly more normal basis than we have been able to over the last two academic years, and I hope this is evident for you all as life attempts to get back to what we are more used to. Many of the measures we had in place last year have been relaxed, although of course we are not complacent; we monitor the infection rate daily and are in regular contact with the Outbreak Management Team.

Face coverings at our Secondary Phase

As you know, the return to the wearing of face coverings was a precautionary measure, and we will continue with this for at least the first week after half term, to give us a chance to evaluate the infection rate within school. As you would expect this has been met with high levels of cooperation from the pupil body, although sadly we do hear reports that whilst on the buses many pupils remove their covering once out of sight of the school. Please talk to your children and reinforce the importance of face coverings whilst on school transport, as it seems wrong to stick to rules that are designed to promote personal safety all day, to then undo the good work by sitting in a full bus with limited ventilation for the journey home.

Standards

Please can I ask for your help in re-establishing certain standards at school. We pride ourselves on excellent standards of appearance and uniform, but sadly these are not currently quite where they need to be. Although the large majority of pupils conform to our uniform expectations there are a number who do not. One essential way that you, as parents, can support the school is by sending your children into school dressed properly. Can I ask that no later than upon return from the half term break, all pupils are conforming to the uniform expectations. In particular, can I ask that shoes are worn and not trainers, even if they are plain black. Can I also ask that our rules around jewellery and facial piercings are followed. If you are struggling to get your child to dress appropriately for school, please contact us for support.

End of term arrangements

As like many other Synergy schools, we will celebrate the end of term by closing at 12.35pm on the last day of term - 17th December. Buses will leave school at 12.45pm. Please be aware that buses 20,31 & 32 cannot run early, so parents of pupils on these buses will need to make arrangements to collect from school at 12.35pm.

I hope you have a good half term and are able to enjoy some quality family time.

Regards



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