



21st June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

Unfortunately, I must report that we have had two positive cases of Covid-19 in our child population over the weekend. As I said in my letter last week, we would keep our risk assessment under constant review. To this end from tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd June, face coverings will now be mandatory in all communal areas unless your child has an exemption. If your child has an exemption, please email c.chadwick@stjamesheadle.co.uk. Face coverings will not be required in classrooms or outside. A reminder if your child, or anyone in the household, has any of the symptoms: a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell, they do not come into school, and you book a PCR test.

Our staff are planning and preparing for Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) at the end of July which should be a fantastic celebration of our St James' curriculum. There will be activities delivered across all subject areas and each Year group will experience a range of subjects which will enhance their knowledge, understanding and enjoyment. We are also offering Year 7 and 8 the opportunity to visit Chester Zoo and the whole school is invited to Alton Towers. It is our hope that the final week of school will be one of real celebration after what has been a challenging year for all. The week will begin with Sports Day on Monday 12th July and all students will come to school in full PE kit that day, as it is an opportunity for all our children to be involved. We are also delighted to be able to be delivering a Careers Day on Thursday 15th July, an important aspect of developing the whole child and providing them with opportunities to consider the vast array of jobs available, as well as develop vital skills for the workplace. Mrs Pickles is co-ordinating CEW and will be sending out further information to parents and carers once plans are finalised. Please do bear in mind that due to the ever-changing landscape around Covid-19, it may be necessary to make changes to activities at short notice.

Fear is a part of our daily lives, there has been no greater example of this than what we have experienced over the past 16 months. Sadly, we do not live in a perfect world of peace and calm; we are surrounded with suffering and death, war and poverty, mistrust and fear. Yesterday's scripture demonstrates that if we turn to God during the storms in our lives, then we will come to realise just how deep our faith is. It is important that we remember that we will not be on our own, Jesus will be with us. Let us therefore not be afraid of what is being asked of us; let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let these words of Pope Francis encourage us, "go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the Good News which is for all people".

Have a fantastic week and if you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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