



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 11 Headteacher Update**

Unfortunately, I must once again report that we have had positive cases of Covid-19 in our child population during last week. For those children isolating, Zoom lessons which follow your child's normal timetable, will continue with staff delivering hybrid lessons i.e., teaching children in the classroom at school and children at home. The staff at St James' are doing their absolute best to ensure that all children can access learning be they at home or on site. 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.

Yesterday's Gospel reading from St Mark presents us with a practical example of faith in God during particularly difficult situations. This is so relevant with all that is going on at school now with children needing to self-isolate. The faith shown by Jairus and the woman suffering from a haemorrhage become a model for us all. Every day, we too are confronted with situations that challenge our faith; situations such as sickness, death, poverty, failure, etc. Today let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given to us and may we also be reminded of the need to reach out and offer hospitality and kindness to those around us, especially those most in need of our help.

Whilst things that are beyond our control cause disruption to normal school life, we have continued with activities providing our children with as many opportunities as possible beyond the classroom. Our Eco-Club have done a fantastic job of planting sunflowers for each Form and the children have been excited to see them develop and flourish. This week there is a competition to see which Form has the tallest sunflower.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Mass took place on Thursday evening at Christ Church, Heald Green, and was a wonderful celebration of the children's time at St James'. We look forward to congratulating our children on their GCSE results in August and celebrating with them at Prize Evening in November.

Our teachers are busy completing end of year reports for all children and these will be distributed to parents before the end of the academic year. To coincide with this over the next two weeks our children are completing a subject and wellbeing review with their subject teachers and Form Tutors. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to reflect on both their academic and personal progress this year.

Have a lovely week and if you need us, you know where we are [headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjameschadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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