



20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Autumn Term Week 3 Headteacher Update**

I hope your child is now into the normal rhythm of school life as we are already into our third week and proceeding at a rapid pace through September.

We have our Open Evening taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Thursday this week, and school will close at 1.15pm for our children. The school buses have been arranged to arrive at this earlier time. If your child is supporting either as a guide or within a Faculty area, please ensure that you have completed the consent link and that you have arranged to collect them from school **no later than 8pm**.

Once again, attendance last week was extremely impressive. If your child **personally tests positive** for Covid-19 please contact Mrs Hanley, our Attendance Officer, to allow them to access their live Zoom lessons. Mrs Pickles has communicated the Zoom codes with you in a separate letter and should there be any queries of how to access Zoom lessons whilst your child isolates please do not hesitate to contact her directly.

You will undoubtedly have seen that the Government has now approved the universal vaccination of children and young people aged 12 to 15 years against Covid-19. We are expecting the DfE to publish guidance for schools on their role in the vaccination programme shortly and we are expecting further guidance from the Local Authority. When any further information is shared with schools, I will of course write to you again.

Ambition, success and winning are key themes in our lives but our Gospel yesterday seems to contradict this – 'If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all'. This message doesn't quite fit - there is something about being human that drives us to succeed, to want to achieve great things. If we are to be followers of Christ, we must put our human nature last to enable us to put our spiritual nature first. We must work hard, always for others, strive to do our best, but resist the urge just to be the best and if we find we are the best let us thank God that we are able to serve so well.

I hope you have a fantastic and uplifting week and if you need anything, you know where we are [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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