



16th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Weekly School Update

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back our returning students this week and we continue to pray for those members of our school community who are continuing to self-isolate.

I would like to thank all members of our school community who have enabled us to seamlessly transition to online learning for those students and Year group bubbles who have been self-isolating. Zoom lessons have been taking place for those whole bubble Year groups that have been self-isolating. This has allowed students to continue with their studies at home to reduce any impact on their progress and learning. I am pleased to be able to announce that after half term all students, even if they are the only student in the Year group, will be able to receive online Zoom lessons if they are absent due to Covid related issues such as testing positive or self-isolating. The teacher will deliver a hybrid lesson with your child Zooming into the lesson whilst teachers continuing to deliver to students in the classroom. Mrs Pickles will be writing to parents soon to give further details.

As always, we continue to have high standards of uniform and behaviour for all our students, both within school and on the way to and from school. Please remind your child:

- On the way to or from school: students need to be calm, respectful and aware of their own safety if walking or cycling to school. We encourage you not to send your child to school on the bus however, if your child gets a school or public bus, they need to remain seated, wear a face covering for the entire journey and sit next to someone from their own Year group bubble
- Expectations within school: as always, we expect the highest standards of behaviour and punctuality from students in school. All students recently received a Year group assembly reminding them of expectations on hair, uniform, shoes and mobile phones. Students must wear a face covering in communal areas, unless they are exempt, to keep them and members of our St James' family safe. We appreciate the support for our policies from all our parents and carers. Further guidance on expectations can be found at <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/uniform/>

In order to keep as many students in school as possible it is essential that you do not send your child into school if they are unwell. If they or any members of their household have a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste please do not send them into school and book a test and inform school of the result.

Please keep the whole St James' family in your prayers as we approach the final week of this half term during this unprecedented time.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher