



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

24th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

I hope you have had a lovely weekend. On 19th January the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures would be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27th January. In education and childcare settings, this means:

- From Thursday 20th January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and children
- From Thursday 27th January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, and children

This decision comes in response to national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 to be on a downward trajectory. All children at St James', unless exempt, will therefore need to continue wearing a face covering until the end of the day on Wednesday this week in communal areas only.

This week our termly data two will be sent out for our Year 11 children. The termly data report, as always, will contain information on your child's Current Working Grade, Attitude to Learning and their current attendance. We have deliberately sent this data report before the Year 11 Parents' Evening which takes place on 3rd February to aid discussions. If you have any concerns about any data within the report that you would like to discuss with teachers before the Parents' Evening, please do contact the individual teachers directly who will be more than happy to assist. All staff contact details are available on the school website.

We are pleased to be able to confirm that Work Experience will take place for the first time since 2019 for our Year 10 children during Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW). Our Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening is scheduled for Thursday this week. Due to current restrictions a PowerPoint with crucial information will be shared with children and parents for you to view at your own leisure. All information will be sent out by Mrs Rarity, our Head of the Personal Development Faculty, later today.

As part of our commitment to our Faith, each Year group are having their own retreat during the academic year. This week our Year 9 children will be taking part in their retreat on Tuesday or Thursday. All information has been previously sent by Ms Cheshire on 15th November and is available [here](#). In a similar way to the readings that we heard yesterday, which focused on the call to ministry and the importance of scripture, our students will too be focusing on their call to ministry as followers of Jesus.

Finally, over the course of this week we have had two complaints from residents about parents parking in an inconsiderate manner as children are being dropped off and picked up from school. Please can I ask that you are considerate to our local residents during drop off and pick up.

Have a fantastic week and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher