



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As we near the end of a demanding term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and provide updates on some key issues.

### End of Term Arrangements

Following the announcement from the Education Minister yesterday, Secondary phase pupils will be taught remotely from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Teaching staff will be following their normal timetable and will be available online to interact with pupils about the work and offer help where necessary.

Pupils are expected to engage with the learning. We have all been concerned with the loss of teaching time over this Pandemic and we do not want the pupils to be disadvantaged any more. We are asking that pupils are up and dressed, ready to check in with their form tutors at 8.30. We would welcome your support with ensuring your children are accessing the resources online.

Targeted pupils will be invited to come into school for face to face support and these pupils should bring a packed lunch with them. Pupils who are in receipt of free school meals can collect a packed lunch whilst in school. Pupils are not expected to wear school uniform. We will also accommodate the children of key workers who fit the relevant key worker criteria. If you need to book your child into school from Tuesday until Friday, can you please contact the school on Monday.

Pupils are due to return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If there are any announcements over the coming weeks that affect this date, we will communicate them to you as quickly as we can.

### Isolation

There has been a change to the rules on self-isolation:

**A person required to isolate as a result of having had close contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus must isolate for 10 days instead of 14.**

We would again urge all our families to ensure that any child showing symptoms is kept home from school and isolated whilst a test is booked. As it stands, families are allowed to join with one other bubble and form an extended household. If any member of the bubble shows symptoms, all household members who have had contact need to self-isolate whilst a test is booked. If the test returns a negative result, the self-isolation of household members can end.

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We have had reports that pupils who have been sent home to self-isolate have been seen out in the community, visiting shops or collecting younger siblings from local primary schools. Please follow the self-isolation guidance.

I thank you again for your support and wish you all an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

Kind Regards

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