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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new term. We thank you for your support with the lateral flow testing, wearing of face coverings in lessons (unless exempt) and ensuring that your children have returned fully equipped and in the correct uniform!

The on-site lateral flow testing has picked up some asymptomatic cases and those students are now self-isolating. Regular testing is really important to prevent the spread of Covid and we are grateful that parents are ensuring twice weekly testing at home continues this term. We have students and family members in our community who are vulnerable due to medical issues so it is great to see our community doing everything it can to protect them. We are also aware that some schools are now struggling to cover lessons due to staff absence and others have reduced transport, catering and cleaning services. I will keep you updated each week, but currently we have low rates of staff absence.

Covid Vaccinations

The School Aged Immunisation Service is planning to offer second vaccinations in school after February half term. As soon as we are given a timeframe, we will let you know.

Updates – Virtues and Behaviour Policy



As an extension of our Holy Family Virtues, which were decided upon following a student vote last year and categorised by staff into the themes of our school Mission Statement, we have launched our 'Learning Virtues'. The purpose of these is to move our approach in school from 'values' towards 'virtues', from beliefs 'held' to beliefs 'lived'. Virtues help us understand how to put our values into practice and how to consistently act in a manner, which befits these values.

These will be increasingly important as we review our Behaviour Policy over the coming term, aligning our reward system with our virtues; looking at how we can make these central to our classroom and school experience.

The first change you will notice is the use of virtue points instead of positive praise points. These are awarded in lessons for: **V1** Self Control (positive behaviour & attitude); **V2** Love of Learning (knowing how to learn effectively and taking pride in achievements); **V3** Resilience (overcoming setbacks in lessons); **V4** Reflection (improving future work). Staff are already awarding these, and you should see them displayed within the SIMS app for your child. As we review our policy, we will move over to awarding all of our praise points through the other virtues chosen by our students.



Calendar Reminders

Thursday 13th January – Y 8 online parents evening
Thursday 27th January – Y11 online parents evening

Details on how to access online parents evenings are sent one week before to allow appointments to be booked.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and have an eligible candidate. If you are interested in the position, please contact our enquiry email before 28/01/22. Thank you.

This week we celebrated the 'Feast of the Epiphany' and asked our students to reflect on one of our virtues, 'love of neighbour'.

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater.' Mark 12:31

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs D Mitchell
Headteacher