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### PARENT BULLETIN

9th Nov 2020

Our Vision...

Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...

Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...

High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Dear Lord,

Fill our lives with joy.
Fill our lives with love.
Fill our lives with peace.

We give thanks to you for the gift of life. Give us the courage to live it to the full.

Amen.

Our Vision...

Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...

Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...

At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...

Keeping children safe in education.



#### Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well.

We continue to follow the guidance surrounding COVID-19 and appreciate your co-operation in ensuring students come to school with their own face masks. We continue to limit the number of visitors on site and any parents' evenings will be conducted online whilst the pandemic is ongoing.

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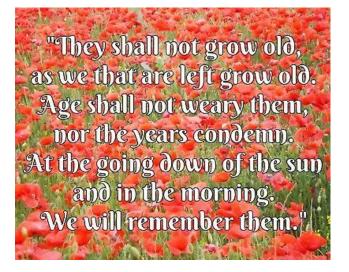
#### **Whole School Remembrance Day Service**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the school will be holding a Remembrance Day Service followed by a 2 minutes silence which the whole school will be observing.

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mrs Vile







#### **Notifications**

#### Face Coverings

We would like to remind parents that all students (except those confirmed as exempt) must come to school with a face mask. We have a very limited number of spares and would be grateful if students could supply their own as much as possible. Thank you.

Miss McWilliam

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• Updated COVID-19 government guidance

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term....this guidance has been updated to include changes to information on self-isolation and shielding, who needs to get a test for coronavirus (COVID-19), face coverings, assessment and exams.

• Press Release – schools remain open during second national lockdown

Cheshire West & Chester Council
Media Release



Date: 04 November 2020 Reference Number: 4834

#### Schools remain open during second national lockdown

During the second COVID-19 national lockdown schools, colleges, universities and early year settings across west Cheshire will remain open for children and students to continue their studies.

Education settings across the borough have worked incredibly hard to create a safe environment for students since reopening to all year groups at the beginning of September with robust infection prevention and control measures in place. Cheshire West and Chester Council will continue to provide advice and support for them to remain open as the second lockdown starts.

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Ian Ashworth, Director of Public Health at the Council, said: "We understand that people will be worried at this time, and we would like to reassure families that all education providers in the borough continue to be supported by the Council's public health team when managing COVID-19.

"The test, trace and isolate system has been robustly implemented in all schools to quickly identify positive cases and close contacts. All schools have established systems in place to ensure that symptomatic and confirmed cases do not attend school and immediately self-isolate which is crucial for ensuring we prevent onward transmission of the virus.

"Schools have also received training in how to undertake contact tracing to ensure any close contacts are identified and advised to self-isolate as well. These measures are working well and are preventing large scale outbreaks across our schools, colleges and university."

As we've moved into tier two and, now into a full national lockdown, the following additional measures have been introduced in the borough's schools to help reduce the spread of the virus:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school/early years premises including outdoor yard areas.
- Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child.
- In schools/early year settings where it has been agreed that a parent/carer can enter the school premises for drop-off and pick-up, only one adult should enter.
- All staff to wear face coverings when they come out of the building onto the playground during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Young people to avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and should go directly home.

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 Adults and pupils in Year 7 and above are required to wear a face covering in school communal areas.

Councillor Bob Cernik, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, said: "Children and young people have been through so much already this year and missed out on both learning and social contact when they've missed school. It is vital for the wellbeing of our young people that schools and other education settings remain open during the second lockdown, where possible.

"We will continue to be guided by the latest public health advice and I urge everyone to continue to play their part and follow the measures set out by your school or college to help reduce the spread of the virus and protect our communities."

For more information about the new national lockdown visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covidrestrictions.

#### Immunisations

Year 7 flu vaccinations will be taking place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November (08.45-11.45am). Please can forms be completed and returned by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs C Hughes

UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair (Years 11, 12 & 13)

The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair is taking place on Wednesday 11 November (12:00-18:00). This free event features over 80 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars, and is aimed at years 13, 12, 11, parents and guardians to provide them with all the information they need to make informed decisions about post-18 options.

You simply need to register online at: <a href="https://www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com">www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com</a>

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You can **chat directly** with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses, modules and life at university, and discover what **Admissions Tutors** are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges and local and national companies about their **apprenticeship schemes**.

**10 interactive webinars** will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Student Finance and Apprenticeships. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using the link below: <a href="http://www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable">http://www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable</a>

You should aim to register in advance to receive a free event guide, which will explain how the day will work and how you can make the most of the exhibitor interactions. The event guide will also contain lots of articles on topics such as student finance, UCAS applications, extra funding, personal statements and apprenticeships.

To book your free place and view the exhibitor list, use this link: <a href="www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com">www.ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com</a>

It is recommended that you register for the event as soon as possible to ensure you receive the event guide and have time to prepare for the day.

Mrs Boothroyd



