

December 3rd 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Post Ofsted

The inspectors asked us to look at strengthening two curriculum areas in particular and I can assure you that that work began immediately. Last week we had a former senior HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) in school and he spent time with those subject leaders and was impressed with the work done so far on clarifying the specific learning expected, the themes which run through Years 7-9 and the relevant assessment. The result of that work will also benefit the appropriate selection of activities.

We continue to focus on the importance of respect for all members of the school and wider community.

The former HMI will return at the start of February to review where we are up to. This will not be an inspection but colleagues working with the school and helping us prepare for the next Ofsted visit.

Covid

Face coverings are now expected in school for all staff and students unless exempt. Any exempted students should have a school lanyard which will be produced on receipt of a letter with any medical evidence available. Face coverings are also expected on school and public transport. Please do ensure your son or daughters have a face covering when they leave home and remind them of the importance of this public health measure.

Testing should continue at home twice a week. Please do not send students into school if the LFT is positive or if they have any symptoms – they need to get a PCR test.

The Government has said that all students for whom we have consent should be tested in school on the return in January. This can also mean that the return to school is staggered. Our current plan for this is as follows:

Tuesday January 4th Year 11 return to school as normal, will be tested period 1 and then continue with the rest of the day in school as normal.

Year 7 - 10 will be invited into school to be tested during the day as we did in September and they will then begin school on **Wednesday January 5th**. Anyone not tested the previous day will need to be tested on morning of 5th before they go to class.

Tuesday 4 th	10.15-11.30	Year 7
	11.30-12.30	Year 8
	1.00-2.00	Year 9
	2.00-3.00	Year 10

We will use the consent list that we currently have from September. If you wish to withdraw consent please inform us. Likewise if you now wish to give consent please let us know by calling reception.

Year 11

Year 11 had mock exams in core subjects last week and I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of them who approached those seriously and behaved impeccably in the exam hall. Over the next two weeks Year 11

students will get their marks back and clear indications of what they need to focus on moving forward. There will be another set of mock exams starting on January 12th. Some students also have public exams in vocational subjects after Christmas. Year 11 need to be preparing for all these public and internal exams. As we have already said, in the very unlikely event of exams being cancelled in 2022, these mock exam marks will effectively be the teacher assessed grades.

Salvation Army Appeal

We are once again collecting goods for the Salvation Army to give to families in need this Christmas. Please see the attached posters for ideas of what you could donate and be as generous as you can. We have a short timescale this year as the last date for collecting items in school is **Friday 10th December.**

BE A STAR

0-3 YEARS
Duplo, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Bottles, Dummies, Books, Play Mats

3-5 YEARS
Dolls, Cars, Jigsaws, Playdoh, Dress Up Items, Colouring Books & Pencils, Wooden Toys

5-7 YEARS
Lego Junior, Craft Sets, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games, Train sets, Wooden Toys

7-9 YEARS
Football, Barbies, Dress up, Lego, Remote Control Toys, Art Sets,

9-12 YEARS
Lego, Remote Control Toys, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish, Board Games,

12-18 YEARS
Make-Up, Footballs, Rugby Balls, Basket Balls, Jewellery, Handbags, Rucksacks, Aftershaves & Perfumes, Electrical Items (Straighteners, Mini Speakers etc.) Socks, Older Lego Sets, Remote Control Cars

FAMILIES
Family Board Games, Books, Christmas Treats, Wrapping Paper Rolls, Christmas Decorations,

THE SALVATION ARMY
Love God
Love Others

GIFT IDEAS TO HELP YOU BE A STAR THIS CHRISTMAS
Please donate New & Unwrapped toys/gifts
salvationarmy.org.uk/preston

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With best wishes.

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