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Year 8 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and students of Year 8

Welcome to this week's newsletter

I would like to start this week by thanking each and every one of you who took the time to email either myself or Mrs Reed last week to catch up. It was amazing to hear from you and to learn about the things you have been doing to pass the time during lockdown.

This week we would be preparing ourselves for the upcoming Valentine's Day celebrations. Post-16 students would be selling roses for charity and thoughts would be turning to who you would be sending cards to, perhaps even more exciting is the anticipation of whether you would receive one from a secret admirer. Although like many things, unfortunately this isn't possible this year. Therefore, I would like to set you a challenge based around this theme. This year I would like you to reach out to your friends and family and tell them how much you appreciate them. This could be through a text, a phone call, a card or even just a simple thank you before you head up to bed. This act of recognition could be the highlight of someone's day and cheer them up. There are a lot of people struggling through lockdown and this could really make a difference to that person.

Below I have included a number of links that you may find useful if you need any support. Please also remember that myself and Mrs Reed are always here if you want to talk.

Have a great half term and try and have some time away from those screens.

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>
- <https://www.teenagehelpline.org.uk/>
- <https://www.neale-wade.org/page/?title=Welfare+Advice&pid=278>

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Take care
Mr Abbey and Mrs Reed

Attendance Year group – 92.48%

8A – 93.45%
8B – 96.43%
8C – 89.02%
8D – 93.07%
8E – 92.77%
8F – 91.76%
8G – 97.69%
8H – 92.37%
8I – 93.28%
8K – 90.14%

Well done
8G - best
attendance
again for
last week

Engagement

Well done to everybody

100% of students accessed
lessons this week.

Remember to check your
emails carefully for lesson
invites.

Positive points for last week

1st – Henry G-S

2nd – Ethan F-M

3rd – Matthew P

4th – Dionne B

5th – Cameron P

Lesson times

Form: 8.50am – 9.00am

P1 & P2: 9-10am, 10-11am

Break: 11-11.30am

P3 & P4: 11.30-12.30pm, 12.30-1.30pm

Lunch: 1.30-2pm

P5: 2-3pm

Attendance

Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents

| What should I do if? | Action needed ... |
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| <p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 10 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the school immediately about the result of the test.</p> |
| <p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p> | <p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 10 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p> | <p>Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p> |
| <p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 10 days.</p> |
| <p>My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)</p> | <p>Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p> |