

11 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Ukraine

Today we have had our blue and yellow day to raise awareness of the situation in Ukraine but also to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Appeal. Staff and students have taken part and it has been fantastic to see the concern and generosity of the school community.



New York Trip

After sending out letters for the New York trip we have filled all 50 places for this trip next February.

Toilet Passes

The number of students using toilet passes has increased dramatically and we are aware that many are now quite old or obsolete. We want to ensure that we have an accurate list of passes and that they are only now being used by students who have a genuine current need. All current toilet passes will be revoked at the end of this term and we will issue new ones to students:

- Where they have a known long term problem for which we have medical evidence
- Where the toilet pass has been issued for a current problem since February half term
- Where parents/carers now send in medical evidence of a current need.

Future passes will be of a different colour and have a clear end date on them.

As you will appreciate we want to ensure students with a genuine medical condition have easy access to the toilet but want to disrupt learning as little as possible.

Duke of Edinburgh

We have 75 students signed up for the Bronze Award of the Duke of Edinburgh which is a fantastic number. I am very grateful to Mrs Beckett for leading this Award in school and she is now starting to prepare students for the expedition in Summer which will be done over 3 weekends with groups of 25.

It is really important for Health and Safety reasons and to prepare for the expedition that all DofE students attend the training sessions on Thursdays between 3.15 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. in the Hall over the next five school weeks.

National Online Safety

The school has been credited with the Online Safety Award for the past two years and we are going for accreditation again this year. Parents and carers can sign up for an account on the National Online Safety website where you can access a number of courses and a wealth of information. The website is <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/carr-hill-high-school>

Keep Up Club

We continue to run our Keep Up Club, in the library, every day after school to 4.30pm (Monday – Thursday) and 4.00pm (Friday). It is an excellent opportunity for your child to complete homework and to receive support or clarification with any aspect of their set homework, before leaving school.

The Library provides a safe and happy working environment and includes an ideal study space with access to a wide range of research materials, the use of ICT facilities and all of the books in the Library.

Support will be available from dedicated staff to give support and guidance to students. Please do encourage your child to make the most of this fantastic opportunity and support them in attending on a regular basis. If you would like further details please email Mrs Somers on lsomers@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk

Dance Show

Tickets for the Dance Show on 24 and 25 March are available from the Performing Arts Office. This has always been a fantastic production involving a large number of students. Please do support this event by attending one of the days. Tickets are priced £8.00 and £5.00 for concessions.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller
Headteacher