



**St. Cuthbert's**

Roman Catholic High School

17 December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I write at the end of a challenging term. This has without doubt been the most unique and difficult term I have known in 25 years of teaching. At the same time the St Cuthbert's community has grown in strength and togetherness more than at any time before. This has been a true test of our students, parents and staff and we have passed it with flying colours.

We continue to keep in mind and pray for all those in our community who have been bereaved or suffered loss during the pandemic. We do have staff and students who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and we must never forget this. It is a constant reminder of the need for us to keep everything as safe as possible for everyone who is here.

Despite us being in the middle of a pandemic with many students often having to self-isolate and the financial worries many people have due to the economic impact of COVID, we have seen a quite remarkable response to our Advent appeal. We thought we were being a little over ambitious but we are so pleased that we aimed high because of the response we got. We have collected over 4000 cans for the 'one can make a difference' campaign which will help so many families in our community over the festive period. On top of this we have collected and distributed hundreds of gifts to children in our community, raised £500 for Springhill Hospice and are distributing dozens of food hampers to members of our community over the festive period. I genuinely could not be more proud of the St Cuthbert's community who have shown themselves to be the best that they can be even during this most challenging of times. Please take a look at our website or Facebook page to get an idea of the things we have been doing. It is truly amazing what the staff and students have achieved.

I want to wish you all a very merry and a safe Christmas. It's essential we all have a chance to celebrate and relax but it is also essential we are all safe and well to start again on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

All the very best and a happy Christmas to you all.

Mr Shields

### **School Expectations**

Our standards remain high despite everything else we have had to contend with over the last term. We would like to thank all parents who have ensured that their child has attended in correct uniform and prepared for the school day. Please see below our pastoral focus for the Spring term. We kindly ask that parents continue to support us with this after the Christmas break.

- Punctuality - it is essential that your child is in school, on time, every day. Those who are persistently late will have consequences issued.
- Attitude to Learning – it is vital that children are ready to learn and must get themselves organised so they bring with them all the correct equipment, books and homework for the day ahead.

- School Uniform – Students should be in correct uniform, including school shoes, (trainers are not permitted) and should have all the necessary equipment, including a school bag with them each day. This is also a requirement on the day your child attends in PE kit. Students will be sanctioned via our ‘P’ system under PREP should this not be adhered to.
- Hoodies and non-school jumpers are also not to be worn once the pupils are in the school grounds. Please ensure your child has a coat that can go over their blazer.
- When we return after Christmas, staff will be on the gate to welcome the pupils each morning and have been asked to challenge pupils on the above. I am sure I can count on your support and there will be no need for any of our staff to confiscate any items.

### **End of Term Arrangements - Friday 18 December 2020**

School will close to students at 12 noon on Friday 18 December and will re-open on Tuesday 5 January at 8.20am. See previous newsletters and the website for details about contacting us if absolutely necessary during this time.

The following buses will run at 12 noon:

890 Birch Hill

891 Shore

894 Littleborough

887 Lane Head

**Services that will not be running at 12 noon, please ensure you have made suitable travel arrangements for your son/daughter:**

**862 Syke**

**867 Falinge**

**880 Norden**

Students will also have the option to wear non-uniform on this day and will celebrate their success this term through remote year group rewards assemblies and a remote whole school collective worship.

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful, happy and Holy Christmas.

God Bless.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Shields  
Headteacher