



Friday 09 July 2021

Headteacher's Update

We have of course had to send home several bubbles over the past few weeks and that is always with great regret. Fortunately, from July 19th this will no longer be the case and a testing system will replace sending bubbles home. We will be contacting you again shortly to ask if you wish to give consent to test your child in the first week of the new school term in September. This of course is entirely parental choice and you may wish to do it at home instead.

While we still have bubbles, our best wishes go to any students who are working from home at the moment. We know this isn't easy for anyone involved but until the rules change it is also unavoidable. We really need everyone to be doing the LFT tests each week to ensure they are safe to come in to school. This helps us to avoid having to send any bubbles home.

School itself retains all of the previous safety measures which we have had in place all year. These can be seen via our risk assessment on the school website. These are extensive and approved by Public Health England. We will be continuing with these until the end of term which is Wednesday July 21st. We do not intend to significantly change the rules for the last 3 days of the term as we do not wish to expose anyone to any additional risks just before the summer holidays. It would also be confusing for students to have new rules for just 3 days.

Our prayers go to the members of our community who continue to lose loved ones to COVID and this serves as a reminder to us all of the need to be safe and follow the rules.

All the very best and have a good weekend

Mr Shields

Notices

COVID Updates

- If your child has been identified as a close contact, please check their letter for their return to school date. A reminder text will be sent the day before their return date.
- A reminder that LFTs should only be used for regular, asymptomatic testing. If anyone has symptoms or has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, then they must take a PCR test (at a COVID testing centre.)
- Symptoms now include sneezing, headaches and feeling sick.

Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Assembly

This week's assembly will be led by Mrs Hill on the theme of Inclusion.

Curriculum

Remote Education

- If your child has a COVID related absence, they must access their lessons via Microsoft Teams. A copy of our remote learning policy is attached.

Examination Updates to Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students

- The appeals process and results day arrangements will be sent to you next week via a separate communication.
- Please email Mrs Hill if you have any individual/further questions stah03@scrchs.com

Reports

- All students and parents should receive their end of year report this afternoon via email. Please let Mrs Tina Ashton know via stca01@scrchs.com if you have not received your child's report.
- Please email Mrs Hill if you have any individual/further questions stah03@scrchs.com

Pastoral Notices

- Thank you to all parents who continue to support us with our high expectations on uniform as we approach the end of the year. Please remind your child that they must have a school bag each day.
- **Wednesday 21st July:** the school will have an early finish as we break up for the summer holidays. Students will finish at 12pm, further details to follow.

- **Updates for September 2021:**

Our school gates will open from **7.55am** in the morning from September.

Mobile phones will **NOT** be allowed to be used at any point during the school day once students are on site. This includes at social times or whilst moving to classes. We understand students will have their phones to travel to and from school but they must switch them off and keep them out of sight during the day. If parents need to contact their child or students need to contact home this will be possible using the school phones. Mobile phones that are seen will be confiscated immediately. Students will be informed of this in assemblies over the next couple of weeks.

Parents will be able to reference our mobile phone policy on the website before the end of term.

- Please ensure your child has a suitable face covering to wear in all communal areas. The wearing of face masks is compulsory on all public transport.

Wellbeing

- Please see the wellbeing area on our website (<https://www.scrchs.net/wellbeing>) which contains information on how to support you and your child's wellbeing.

Community

- Please can you speak with you child about the importance of wearing face masks in public areas such as local shops and the public buses (409).
- Students who walk to school are kindly reminded of the community they live in respecting the environment by not dropping litter or causing a disruption for our local residents.

Twitter

- Please follow us on @RcCuthberts to keep up to date on all that is going on at St Cuthbert's.

