

4 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and you have enjoyed some time together with your family and friends over the Christmas holiday.

As we return to school following the festive period and we enter the new year of 2023, I am thrilled, as Headteacher, to be welcoming our students back into the classroom with optimism.

### **Cold Weather Protocols**

I am delighted to be able to say that the cold weather protocols introduced in December will continue and students will no longer be required to line-up outside before coming into the building on a morning. In addition to this, students can have toast and hot chocolate before morning registration **free of charge** in the main dining hall. This will be served between 8.00- 8.40am.

### **Standards**

As we begin this Spring term I think it is a good time to remind all students that they should have with them the correct equipment for their school day; this includes their student planner, timetable, pens, pencils, water bottle and full PE kit when required. It is policy that all students attend school in uniform. If there is a reason why your child is not wearing the appropriate uniform you should make a note of this in child's school planner.

### **Flu Nasal Vaccine for Years 7,8 and 9**

At this time of year, it is important to stress the benefits of considering the flu vaccination especially in light of the news recently about the increased number of children contracting Strep A. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 have been offered the nasal flu vaccine in school on Monday 9 January 2023. Consent is required and must be given to the immunisation team; details of how to do this can be found on our website at <https://link.bhcet.org.uk/wnVn12>

Please find below a number of key dates that I would like to draw to your attention over the next half-term:

9 January	Year 7,8 and 9 Flu nasal vaccine session
10 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
30 January	Year 9 Parents' and Option Evening
7 February	Year 7 Parent's Evening

I would like to thank all students and parents for the support and good wishes offered as I start my new role as Headteacher. I look forward to working with you all, in partnership, as St. Michael's starts the next phase of its journey and I ask that you keep our school community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher