

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



**TARLETON**  
ACADEMY

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Interim Executive Headteacher

Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of another week, we would like to give you some updates from school. This time next week we will come to the end of the first part of the spring term and what a busy term it has been! School will close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm and reopen for all students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am.

Over the course of the last few weeks, as noted, we have concentrated on our standards and we have been very explicit about our expectations based on our values; Facimus Nostre Futurae; driven by Respect, Resilience and Aspiration. These, but especially Respect, have our continued focus, are our touchstone and are the means by which we celebrate success. You may have noticed the change in the way our points are recorded on ClassCharts, using the drivers – routinely there are between 5000 and 6000 awarded weekly.

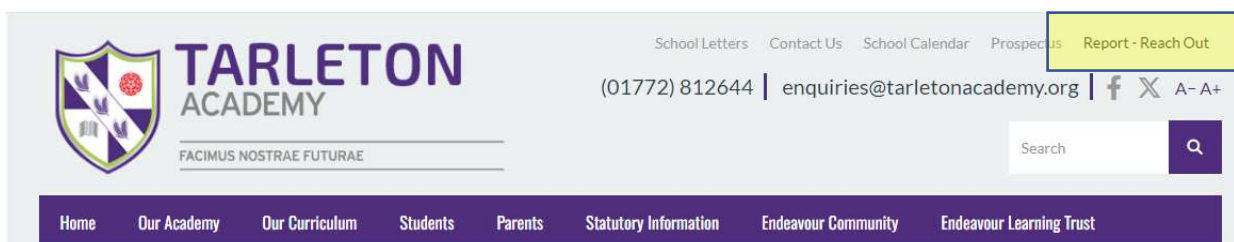
Our focus continues to be 'Respect,' with routines around purposeful movement and the fire drills being practised this week and reinforced over the next week.

We are delighted that the students can, on their designated days, use the MUGA for physical activity at lunch. Over the course of the construction programme, this facility has been sorely missed by all of our school. We are delighted, (but not surprised!) by the conduct, participation and respect that the students have demonstrated for the facilities.

### Safeguarding Update

#### Reach Out

Our 'Worry Box' facility for students will cease to serve students as of Monday – our students know this. Instead, this will be replaced by the 'Reach Out' facility which is on the top right of the home page and linked on the Student Portal. This is for our students, their families and the community to use:



This is the text that precedes the online form:



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*'This form can be used to report anything you are worried about in school or out of school, including bullying, sexual harassment and hate incidents or any form of harm. You can also use this form to report concerns over someone else, including your own child or someone else's.*

*The information will be sent to an inbox which is checked once per day by one of our specially trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.*

*So we can respond appropriately, we will ask for some details, including your name. One of our Designated Safeguarding Leads may need to speak to you so we can help you with your concern.'*

## **Medication in School**

As is school policy, medication which is liquid or in tablet form should not be carried by students – this is to keep all students safe. Asthma inhalers, equipment to support our diabetic students or epi pens can be kept in school, with students, in line with care plans from medical professionals.

If your child has a course of medication and this has to be taken in school time, please contact the school office or via the enquiries and this will be recorded and managed in school.

## **Leaving Site at Lunchtime**

There are a relatively low number of students who leave the school site at lunchtime. In the coming week, we will be reviewing this provision to make sure that the permissions are up to date. As a school, we do not recommend or endorse students leaving the site, for their safety. As a reminder, if a student is leaving site, they should be collected and returned and go to the family home for lunch.

## **And finally ...**

At the moment I have the privilege of working across two secondary schools in the area. The students (and staff) at Tarleton Academy are fantastic. Their willingness to learn and participate in wider school life is first class. Everything noted are examples of school life but more important, the conduct and participation in them has been exemplary:

- Macbeth and English Masterclass with a AQA specialist for Year 11
- A win for the Year 10 Handball Team
- 20 student leaders supporting at a primary school sports event
- Lucy in Year 7 has been voted player of the season at Lancashire Cricket Club
- Luke in Year 11 has been Great Britain American Football



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- Learning about democracy and supporting our student, Oliver in Year 10 in the Lancashire Youth Council Elections
- UK Junior Maths Challenge for Year 8 and 9

Thank you for your continued support – parental support for the students and our school has been a stand out feature of the last four weeks. We are always stronger when we work together.

Facimus Nostre Futurae,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs MacLaren  
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