

19 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This is my latest letter to update parents and carers about a range of issues. This is the most efficient way to communicate with all parents at the same time because we do not have email contact for all families. You will soon be receiving a text asking you to provide us with an up to date email address so that we can improve our communication with you. Often our text messages get missed as you receive them when you are not able to check the website for the latest letter. This means that some parents are missing out on crucial and useful information. There will continue to be a weekly letter from either myself or Richard Gill, CEO ATLP placed on the website and we will continue to text you to alert you to this. We are though striving to be able to reduce the amount of text messages and to be able to email all communications out. I will advise you when we are able to do this.

Home learning

This week Year 10 students received their home learning packs by post. These packs of resources have been sent to go hand in hand with the expanded offer for Year 10 students, who are now spending increased time in school. These resources will be supplemented by video guidance from subject staff on the YouTube channel as well as with support in lessons for those who have chosen to attend.

Years 7, 8 & 9 will receive work pack 5 the week beginning 29 June, which again will be supplemented with subject videos on our school YouTube channel as a guide to how to use the resources. Please remember that there are subject specific email addresses for students to use to be in touch with their teachers if they have any questions or would like any support. These are:-

mathsstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
sciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
geographystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
restudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
businessstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
musicstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
artstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

englishstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
mflstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
historystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
socialsciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
technologystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
pestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
dramastudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

Pastoral update.

There have been some recent changes within our pastoral team. Mr Cartwright is now leading the pastoral team as Assistant Head, Pastoral. He oversees the work of the heads of year, the family support worker, our intervention managers, our attendance team and home school liaison officer and our pastoral managers. This large team have been in regular communication with our families over the last 12 weeks to provide advice and support if and when needed and to check on the welfare of our students. The team are;

Heads of Year

Heads of Year 7	Mr R Daley & Miss R McDermott
Head of Year 8	Miss K Holland
Head of Year 9	Miss S Wootton
Head of Year 10	Mr H Young
Head of Year 11	Miss N Noreen

Pastoral Support Team

Pastoral Managers - Room 81	Mr R Daley & Miss R McDermott
Pastoral Manager - Room 86	Miss N Burrows
Family Support Worker	Mrs A James
Home School Liaison Officer	Ms J Nokes
Attendance Officer	Ms M Kavanagh
Attendance Assistant	Mrs D Margetts

I know that many of you will have already spoken to members of the team. They have a wide range of skills and experience between them and will be at the forefront of our work to support students when we are able to bring more of them back into school. For now though they are all available by emailing the enquiry address enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk or ringing the main school number 0121 378 1946 and leaving a message. As always they will then get back in touch with you. Please don't forget there are a huge range of resources and support information on the school website under the red COVID-19 banner. Many families have accessed this support already and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. If you are unsure if there is a service to support your particular need then again please contact a member of the pastoral team.

Year 8 & 9 vaccinations

Due to the current national situation several immunisation sessions have been cancelled. I am pleased to say that clinics will be running across several sites offering vaccines for Year 9 pupils and HPV vaccines for Year 8 pupils. This is by appointment only. Appointments can be booked by calling 0121 245 5763 or 0121 466 3410. It is really important that your children get their vaccinations completed so please ring these numbers to find out the nearest venue to your home address.

Mr Hunter

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mr Hunter on Friday 26 June. Mr Hunter will pass by the school for the last time at approximately 1:15pm heading towards The Anvil pub. I am aware that many people are rightly intending to come and pay their respects as the funeral procession passes by the school. Because we have staff and students in school who are operating in separate bubbles we will need to ensure their safety. This means the school gates including all car parks will be closed. Can I ask that if you intend to attend, that you maintain a 2m social distance and that you use the entire length of the road for everyone's safety. If you are driving can you please park safely on the surrounding roads, allowing plenty of space for the procession to pass and plenty of time for you to find a space to stand safely along the full length of Reddicap Heath Road. We do expect a high attendance so please bear this in mind and allow plenty of time when planning your journey.

We are in touch with Mr Hunter's family and have passed on all the cards and heartfelt messages that we have received, including those left at the school gates over the past few weeks. Mr Hunter will be greatly missed by all at John Willmott School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Peters
Headteacher