

6 December 2022

Dear Parent and Carer

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in student absence due to illness. Whilst we appreciate that there are a lot of illnesses circulating at the moment. We would like to remind you that unless your child is extremely unwell, they should be attending school.

As an incentive to attend school over this final two weeks of the term, we have launched a 100% attendance competition. For every day that a student is in school, in Years 7 to 13, they will be put into a prize draw, for their year group, for the chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher.

In addition, for all students in Years 7 to 11. We will be running a second prize draw for students with zero negative events. For every day that a student has no negative events, they will be put into a prize draw, for their year group, for the chance to win a £20 Amazon voucher.

Please see the reminder about services and good hygiene from the NHS Birmingham Children's Hospital:

- The Children's Hospital Emergency Department is incredibly busy – those who are not seriously ill will face very long waits to be seen and may need to go elsewhere for help.
- Remember, the Children's Hospital Emergency Department can't help with dental or eye issues. For an eye emergency, please attend the Midland Eye Centre at Dudley Road open 9:00am-7:00pm. NHS 111 can help with finding and accessing an Emergency Dentist.
- There are things you can try before visiting, such as:
 - View our 'virtual consultations' to hear our doctors' advice on the most common reasons people come to the Emergency Department – [Click here](#)
 - Visit Healthier Together, a website recommended by our doctors, which has advice and resources for parents and young people – [Click here](#)
 - Visit [111 online](#) (for children aged 5 and over). Answer questions about your symptoms on the website and they will tell you what to do next.
- Take these simple steps to keep well this winter:
 - Wash your hands regularly just like you did during the pandemic.
 - Get your flu jab and COVID-19 booster.

Both prize draws, for attendance and behaviour, will take place during rewards assemblies on the final day of term.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child attends school regularly. Let's have a positive last two weeks, all together, in school.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs N Gould
Headteacher**