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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and that you have had a good week.

### **OFSTED**

We had a full Section 5 Ofsted visit on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to share anything with you until the report is published which will be in around 30 days. This is because it has to go through various QA processes. We had 4 inspectors and the HMI was Rachel Goodwin. The two days went very well and our students were exemplary. I will feedback and let you see the report as soon as I am able to. I do appreciate you want to know, but I have to follow the correct protocol.

### **COVID-19 School Age Vaccination Programme**

Covid vaccinations are taking place in school next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Only students who are aged between 12-15 years on the vaccination date have been offered the vaccine. The online consent closes at 3pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you do not want your child to have this vaccination, please still complete the online consent form indicating that you do not give your consent for the vaccination. If you do not give consent then your child will remain in lessons and not have any contact with the immunisation team. If you give online consent for your child to have the vaccination and subsequently change your mind, please contact the school-aged immunisation team on 01925 946808 or [BCHFT.warringtonimmsteam@nhs.net](mailto:BCHFT.warringtonimmsteam@nhs.net)

I will send out a separate letter confirming all of this.

### **COVID-19 LFD Testing**

We know how important it is for you to be able to send your child to school therefore we are taking a number of measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- Encouraging all staff to test regularly, to minimise the risk of our teachers giving your child or other children Covid;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated; and;
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a PCR test should they develop symptoms of the virus.

We are also asking all parents to encourage their children to test twice weekly and to report each result. Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. Testing kits are handed out to students

regularly, if any additional kits are needed please ask your child to request these in the morning when they arrive at school.

In school we currently have 2 students who have tested positive for Covid. We have had 35 student cases since September and 22 of those cases were week 1. We are doing everything we can to keep the community safe and thank you for your support with this. We are not proposing to wear masks again at this stage as our cases are quite low.

### **Year 7 Harvest Service**

Our Year 7 Harvest Service is taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 13:50. All Year 7 students will walk to the church and will be released from the church at 2:50pm. Students can walk back to school to catch the bus or they can be collected from the church. We are still collecting for the Harvest Festival please can you leave donations of non-perishable items in the main school reception in the boxes provided: Tinned meat, tinned food, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, sugar, jelly, potatoes smash, and angel delight are all good examples of what you can bring.

### **FSM (Free School Meals)**

If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals due to any changes in your circumstances, then please visit the Warrington Borough Council website at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>, where you can find details and application forms. Applying for this status also allows the school to receive more funding to invest in your child's education.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**