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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. It is with the greatest pleasure that I am able to say we are now officially a **'Good'** School. Whilst you will have seen the letter I have sent out regarding this amazing achievement, it is still important that I share this with you all again: <https://bit.ly/3Ht9UEd>

I am so very proud of all my students and staff and it is a real privilege to be the Headteacher of such an incredible school. This report is also vital for our community and for you as parents and carers as you all put your trust in us daily. We are very grateful for your support and we love working with you.

We are very excited about the future and we will always continue to improve to ensure we always provide the very best education possible for all our young people.

History

Well done to the members of our History & Art Club who helped to create our Remembrance post Box. As a school, we used form time to reflect on the service of many men and women, in the past and present.



Each form was given paper to write a note, poem or letter to armed personnel they knew or directed to an anonymous individual within the armed forces. During form time the students

were asked to think about the sacrifices the armed forces have made/make, the risks they take, and let them know how you feel about war and their service to their country. These notes were collected by the form tutors and posted in our Remembrance Day Post Box, which stood proudly at the front of school by the reception.

COVID-19 LFD Testing

If your child tests positive for covid-19 please inform school as soon as possible. You can do this by calling the school office or you can email Mrs Muckley jmuckley@boteler.org.uk We will need to know which test was used for your child's positive result (LFD or PCR), the date the test was taken and if your child is displaying symptoms, the date the symptoms began. We are working hard to maintain a safe, learning environment and to deliver our curriculum to students who are in school and at home isolating but we need your help with the updated information. If your child is isolating and feeling unwell then we do not expect them to engage in live lessons.

We currently have 6 students who have tested positive for COVID-19 bringing the total cases to 59 from the start of term. Can you please continue to encourage regular hand washing and test your child twice weekly using the LFD kits provided by school. Also, please record your results even if it's negative or void on both the government and the school forms:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

<https://tinyurl.com/stbcovidresults>

Schools Infection Survey 2

We are taking part in the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey. This is a national study that will find out how many students have developed antibodies against the virus and how this may change over the course of the year. The information collected will help inform policies to aid school recovery. The next round of SIS testing of students is happening in January, the exact date is yet to be confirmed but as always, we will share this with you as soon as it has been arranged. If your child would like to sign up please follow this link:

<https://studies.ons.gov.uk/s/VQ68NM/>

Oxplore Stem Event (Oxford University)

Science Oxplore for Y7 and 8 – in school event on Tuesday 23rd November

Science Oxplore for Y9 –in school event on Thursday 25th November

KS3 Assessments

Going on all week. Please see the communications from Mr Koltan.

Chess Club

English Chess U19 Championships – visit to Bolton School on Thursday 25th November.

Parents Supporting Boteler (PSB)

A big thankyou to Joanne Swinfield and the Parents Supporting Boteler team for their hard work and the PSB donation to enhance the Peace Garden. This will continue and there will be more information coming soon about our remembrance garden.

Car Parking

Due to us growing as a school the situation regarding the Ball Hall car park and Knutsford Road has become very dangerous. I stand in the road where I can to stop people from entering an already full car park. Please do not park on the verges or block the gates. It is a Health and Safety issue if you are blocking an exit. If you park on a verge, cars unfortunately cannot pass and this is really dangerous especially with so many students leaving at the end of the school day.

There are disabled bays available in the car park if needed, but please only use these if you are a blue badge holder. The police are hopefully going to come and support us, as I feel Knutsford road is very dangerous. Cars park on the pavements and in the bus lane and also travel far too fast. Please be mindful of all this and work with us if you are asked to move your car. We just want our young people and yourselves to be safe.

Standards

In our continued pursuit of high standards we will be focusing on the wearing of jewellery that is creeping back in with some students. All jewellery is to be removed prior to entering the school building. On Monday, as students enter the building the senior leadership and pastoral teams will be checking for jewellery in the reception area. Any items of jewellery will be confiscated and put into envelopes to be collected at the end of the school day. Any students re-offending will lead to jewellery being confiscated which will then have to be collected by parents/carers. Piercings of no kind are accepted. Students refusing to cooperate will be placed in isolation.

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