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Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update – 22nd January 2021

Unfortunately, our school community has been affected significantly this week with staff members testing positive with COVID; this includes our headteacher, Mr. Rannard. We are extremely fortunate as a whole school community of students, parents/carers and families, staff and governors to be led by such a caring, compassionate and capable headteacher. His leadership during the past year, as we have faced a global pandemic, has given confidence to all members of the community to continue to be the very best they can. Whilst he will continue to work virtually during the coming days, I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and we look forward to him joining us back in school once he has completed his isolation.

Our admin team has also been affected this week with positive cases; this has impacted significantly on our general admin team and also our on-site IT support. Please bare this in mind if you need to contact school next week. As Mr Rannard mentioned last week in his update, numbers in school are considerably higher than they were during last lockdown. **So again, I would urge key worker families to only send their child in for a place at school if it is absolutely necessary.**

1. Online Lessons

You may have noticed we have moved to setting work through the 'assignment' facility in Teams. This should provide a much clearer structure to the home school day and let our students know what is expected for each lesson. All students will be provided with tasks for each lesson (live or not) and will be expected to submit work back through assignments.

We are finding the best way for us all to learn is to have a go but please encourage communication with the class teacher if students are not sure.

Here is a link to a YouTube clip which explains how to view and submit your work. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARLONxW8o4g>

2. Internet Safety and Maths/English courses for Y7 Parents

These courses comprise of an introductory session about our short interactive online qualification in Internet safety for IT users, which learners can then go on to complete remotely, using online assessment and e-invigilation, so that there is no need to enter a classroom. The qualification covers the key areas of internet safety and details are in the course breakdown attached. This one-hour introductory session will be followed by five one-hour remote Keeping Up with your Child English or Keeping Up with your Child maths sessions. This is a total of 6 sessions over 6 weeks.

These courses are non-accredited and designed for parents/carers of Year 3 primary or Year 7 secondary pupils. Courses will cover aspects children will be

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studying at school and provide parents/carers with the tools to support their children with schoolwork in these subjects. The courses will be taught by English and maths specialists.

Evening course will start on Tuesday 23rd February for Keeping Up with your Child English (including internet safety) 6-7pm

Evening course will start on Thursday 25th February for Keeping Up with your Child Maths (including internet safety) 6.30-7.30pm

If you are unable to attend the English and maths courses on the day/times scheduled, you can still do the internet safety course on its own at a time that suits you.

Please contact ACL on 07702 959814 or email Catherine Houghton (catherinehoughton@sthelens.gov.uk) who will be able to arrange for you to book on any of these courses.

3. Year 8 and year 9 HPV Immunisations

Unfortunately, at this time we do not have an update regarding the Year 8 and 9 immunisations. The Health Service who delivers the immunisations are awaiting further guidance from Public Health England. As soon as they have an update, the Children's Health Service will be in touch with school.

4. Mobile phone data

Vodafone 30gb for 90 days can be used with other networks if you ask them to unlock it. Please contact school if you need further details.

Yours sincerely,

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