



21 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the mid-point of this term, the pupils continue to work hard in lessons and produce some amazing work across the whole of our curriculum. Thank you for continuing to encourage their efforts at home and support their learning.

I shared an update on face coverings with families on Wednesday evening following the latest Government announcement that our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils are no longer required to wear them in lessons unless they choose to do so. We are continuing to ask all pupils and staff to continue to wear a face covering in our communal areas, especially corridors for the time being, but expect a further announcement about this in the coming week. Please keep an eye on announcements in your Class Charts app for further details.

I was delighted to spend some time with a small number of parents and carers at my virtual Headteacher clinic last week. Discussions took place around a variety of themes, including our communication with families, residentials and extra-curricular offer. It was really helpful to me to hear what is going well, as well as where we could further improve. Thank you to those that took the time to join me.

I hope that you have found our new weekly bulletin helpful, which will be released every Friday and I look forward to sharing this to help reinforce any messages, achievements or communications sent out across the week in a single place.

I am pleased to share a copy of the calendar dates for the next academic year 2022-23. As travel restrictions begin to ease, please bear these dates in mind and avoid term time when booking family holidays.

Somerset SAINT will once again be providing flu vaccinations for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, as well as those in Year 7 and Year 8, that might have missed the opportunity, on Wednesday 26th January. Please see the link below, which expires on Monday 24 January, if you have not consented but would like to:

<https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/west>

Finally, I am becoming concerned at the road safety of some of our pupils on the way to and from school. Many are not paying attention when crossing roads, especially those that are looking at their phones. We will reinforce safety messages in assemblies and tutor times and would value you sharing the same at home.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224