



## Principal's Message

*Dear Families*



Newsletter  
Half Term 2  
2020/21

This term has, again, been one without precedent. Continuity of education has been difficult to sustain with students and staff having to isolate as required and we have all being coping with all the associated stresses and anxieties of the pandemic.

However, we have managed to stay open thanks to the resilience of our community and our determination to serve and educate.

We received the news late last Tuesday night from the Government regarding the recommendation to change the 18<sup>th</sup> of December from a teaching day to a training day and avoid Track and Trace taking place on Christmas Eve.

This had the advantage of mitigating risk of virus transmission in the run-up to Christmas. With this in mind, please remember if your son or daughter develops symptoms and has a positive COVID test up to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, you are asked to inform us through our office email account. That will allow us to follow protocols and inform close contacts to isolate for the appropriate period. School will reopen following the Christmas break on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you for your good wishes and your unfailing support, and, from your School, we wish you a healthy and safe Christmas and an optimistic New Year.

Warmest regards

God bless

*Karen Colligan*



### CHRISTMAS CLOSING

**School closes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Wishing our families, friends and community a happy, holy and safe Christmas period, and best wishes for the New Year.**



## Our Motto

Love • Serve • Learn

## Our Mission

Our mission is to put Christ at the centre of our community.

In loving and serving God and one another, we encourage everyone to flourish through learning.

## Our Focus Virtues

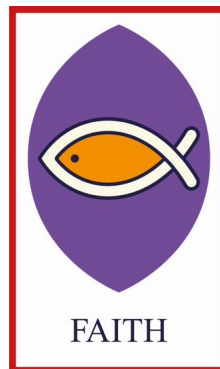
Virtues are qualities that we practise in order to help us become the best version of ourselves.



**Love:**  
To do everything for God, for others and for self with kindness.



**Service:**  
To work together for the benefit of everyone.



**Faith:**  
To be guided by faith in all that we do, trusting in God.



**Courage:**  
Doing the right thing even when it is difficult.



**Respect:**  
To have respect for ourselves, each other and our environment.

Join us in prayer ...



### Prayer

Everyday we remember all our staff and students, past and present though prayer. We ask that you also join your prayers with ours.

*Heavenly Father*

*Bless our school. Let trust, peace and love live here.*

*Teach us to love and serve with the special gifts  
that you have given us.*

*Holy Spirit give us patience, wisdom and courage  
so that we may work together,  
united in Christ.*

*Amen.*



We welcomed the start of Advent through a special video service that drew upon the talents of Chaplaincy students in Year 7 and Year 8.

We recognised that often chocolate is what springs to mind when we mention Advent due to Advent calendars but we took the time to focus on what Advent really means and how to prepare spiritually through prayer and charity works.

Staff and students have been very generous in donating to our Advent collections for the baby Gianna appeal and the foodbank.

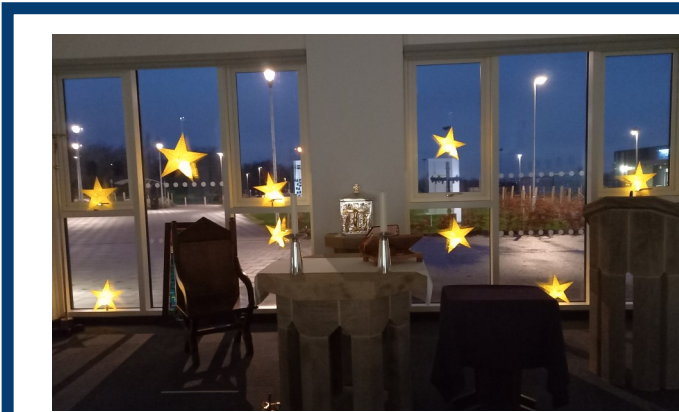


## Advent at All Saints Catholic College

Love • Serve • Learn



God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of  
Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.



*Stars have been  
lighting up the  
dark mornings  
in the Chapel  
windows*



# 200

## Christmas Cards

The Year 7 Youth SVP and Chaplaincy group have been very busy making 200 Christmas cards to send a little cheer to parishioners and prisoners who will be alone at Christmas.



The SVP President was delighted to receive the cards, letters and a donation towards buying bars of chocolate to send with them.

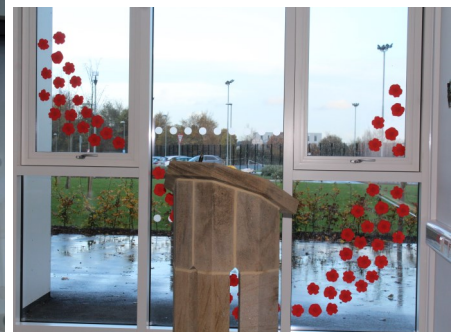
We received a thank-you card;

*A very big thank-you for your brilliant work in producing the Christmas cards, I know it will bring joy on Christmas day to those who will feel lonely and forgotten.*



## Remembrance Service

As a school we commemorated the lives of all those who died in conflicts in a service of Remembrance, marking the silence in classrooms, workrooms and on corridors. The special service and form daily prayers were carefully prepared by history teacher, Ms Woffenden.





Christmas means many different things to different people and it all depends on your situation, your age and your responsibilities, to name but a few.

Young children have the **joy** of the festivities, the anticipation of the presents and the parties, the school nativities and concerts. Parents have the lists, the shopping, the wrapping and the organising along with the **hope** that all will be merry and bright as the family gathers around the tree on Christmas morning. For others there may be the calm, the quiet and the **peace** of not needing to rush round trying to fit everything in before the big day arrives. Sadly, we also know that for some who are alone, Christmas is just another day spent in the same way.

Hopefully, whatever your situation is, you are reminded this Christmas that it is the gift of **love** that is the key to the meaning of Christmas, that you see in the love and kindness between family and friends a reflection of the light of Christ that was born on that starry night, in that lowly stable so long ago.

*May the Grace, Peace and Love of God surround you this Christmas.*

As we meet around crib  
candle or Advent wreath  
draw us into that stable  
in our imagination.

In the quiet moments of prayer  
this Christmas, that brief oasis  
from the bustle of the world  
bring alive to us  
the smell of the hay  
the sound of the animals  
the cry of a baby.

Draw us close to our Saviour  
Messiah and King as we bring  
not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense  
but the gift of our lives  
the only offering we can bring.

To see our special Christmas service filmed with Holy Redeemer Parish and our Catholic family of schools, visit the school website or use the link below.



[Christmas Service 2020 - YouTube](#)





# *No room at the inn?*

## Coming to Mass this Christmas



- ***Can I safely come to Mass this Christmas?***

**Yes!** But Masses will be socially-distanced and may be busy. Book in advance, online or by phone. ***Check your parish website or bulletin for details of Mass times, and how to book places.***

- ***What if the Christmas Eve and Day Masses are fully booked?***

**Don't worry.** Many parishes will be putting on ***extra Masses each day during the Christmas Octave:*** the eight days from Christmas Day until the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (1st Jan).

- ***If I go to Mass on another day during the Christmas Octave, will I miss out on celebrating Christmas in Church?***

**No!** We celebrate the Christmas Octave because our Christmas joy cannot be restricted to a single day. ***Masses during the Octave will be especially festive this year,*** by including Christmas prayers before the crib, recordings of carols, and sermons which reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth.

# Music



This half term students in music have learnt about a range of different genres and used lots of different instruments. After Christmas, Year 7s will be using the keyboards and we are asking Year 7 students and any students taking GCSE music to bring in their own headphones from January to use in their music lessons. There will be sanitised school headphones to use in school if students are unable to bring in their own headphones.

Since November, we have welcomed back all of our Musica Kirklees peripatetic staff who are now teaching face to face lessons in school rather than via Zoom, which has had a positive impact on our students. Lesson times are displayed outside the music room and if any students are interested in having instrumental or singing lessons they should speak to Mrs Sidwell. We also had Mr Bateman from Musica Kirklees come in to lead a 2-hour workshop on Song Writing for our Year 11 GCSE music students. We plan to have him in again later in the year to work with our Year 10 GCSE music students to support them with the composition component of their GCSE.

In the Music Department, we have missed our usual opportunities to perform this year as a result of COVID. However, we are preparing for when we can perform live again and for now we are preparing some recorded performances which we will be able to share via the College website soon. We have been able to start some of our extracurricular groups such as the steel pan group and rock band and have started a completely new group the Sign Choir which has been very popular with our Year 7 students. Their first virtual performance will be on the College website soon!





## Traffic Management



We are relaunching our traffic management system in January. We realise that traffic has been increasing onto our site and Health and Safety is our top priority.

The times that cars are not allowed onto the College site are as identified below.

**8.35am and 8.50am**  
and  
**2.30 and 3.30pm**

Permits are issued to those parents whose child has a medical condition and, therefore, needs to be dropped-off and collected from site.

We appreciate your support and understanding with these new measures.

A reminder to parents to please be courteous at all times of our local residents when dropping and collecting children from school. Please do not block driveways and residents' access to their homes.

## Canopy Update

The canopy has now been installed, and the handover took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Skirting will be fitted between the structure and the ground surface during the Christmas holidays and once Kirklees Catering have built their catering pod, and furniture for the students has been installed, we hope for the canopy to be fully operational from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



It is envisaged approximately 80 students can dine in here at any one time, which will give us additional space to support our break and lunchtime arrangements.

## Rewards



### ASCHC ACHIEVEMENT POINTS TERM 1

YEAR 7 - 110,340

YEAR 9 - 82,314

YEAR 8 - 80,435

YEAR 10 - 62,782

YEAR 11 - 56,087

391,958  
achievement  
points  
awarded this  
term



This term has seen a few changes to rewards at All Saints Catholic College. Mr Power and Mr Kernan want to start by saying how incredibly proud they are of all our students this term. They started out after October half term outlining the changes to rewards and these have been really well received by all students in school.

Since September, we have seen over **390,000** achievement points awarded by staff to students which is something everyone should be proud of. Year 7 have received over **110,000** of those whole school achievement points and a huge well done to you all for having a superb first term at ASCHC!

During this last week of term it has been rewards week and we have held rewards breakfasts, rewards assembly and form parties where we have celebrated the successes of our students. During the rewards assemblies we have (virtually!) handed out over **1400 certificates** to students in Year 7 all the way to Year 11. This is a superb achievement and these will be stored in students' records of achievement for safe keeping!

Have a restful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the students back in January, hitting the ground running and smashing rewards even more!

## Metro Code of Conduct

### Use of school buses

You are respectfully reminded that by registering to use the service you undertake to accept the terms and conditions of travel. This includes sanctions which would be applied if the required standard of behaviour is not met, please see the link below for full details.

Parents/Carers need to be aware that if their child causes any damage or does not meet the required standard of behaviour on the bus they could:

- Have their pass withdrawn
- Be banned from the bus
- Be prosecuted by the police
- Be required to pay for any damage they have caused

[Metro Code of Conduct](#)



# Attendance

At All Saints Catholic College we expect students to achieve high levels of attendance and punctuality. The College attendance target is 96% and we would like all students to achieve this target. Research has shown that there is a clear link between good attendance and academic achievement and progress. Department for Education research found.

- Pupils with **no absence** are 1.3 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 3.1 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above, than pupils that missed 10-15% of all sessions
- Pupils with **no absence** are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs A\*- C or equivalent including English and mathematics than pupils that missed 15-20% of KS4 lessons

## “Every Day Counts”

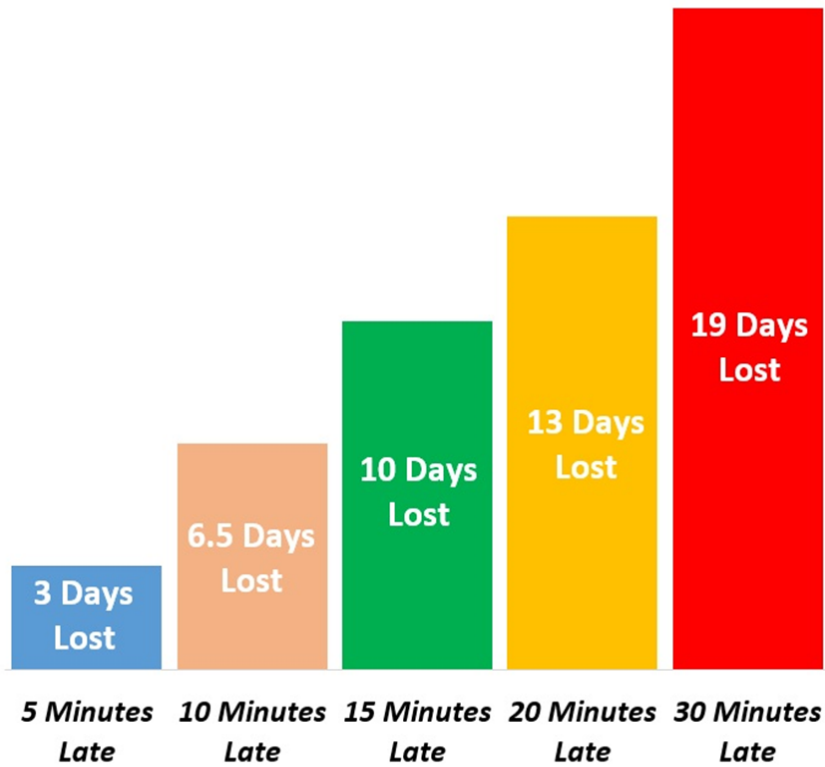
1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

| If your child misses | that equals...    | which is...       | and over 13 years of school that's... |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 day a fortnight    | 20 days per year  | 4 weeks per year  | Nearly 1.5 years                      |
| 1 day a week         | 40 days per year  | 8 weeks per year  | Over 2.5 years                        |
| 2 days a week        | 80 days per year  | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 Years                          |
| 3 days a week        | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years                        |

| The effect of absence on progress                                                                                                                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments. |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| No Absence                                                                                                                                              | 10 days absence       | 12 days absence       | 19 days absence       | 29 days absence       | 38 days absence       |
| 190 days of education                                                                                                                                   | 180 days of education | 178 days of education | 171 days of education | 161 days of education | 152 days of education |
| 100%                                                                                                                                                    | 95%                   | 94%                   | 90%                   | 85%                   | 80.00%                |
| Very Good                                                                                                                                               |                       | Worrying              |                       | Serious Concern       |                       |

## What about 10 minutes a day. Surely that won't affect my child?

**Over one academic year**



The College doors open at 8.35am and students must be sat in lesson by 8.50am. Any student arriving after 8.50am will be issued with a 30-minute late detention. This sanction *may* be reviewed where lateness is caused by an exceptional circumstance. Oversleeping, taxi arriving late or missing the bus would not be considered as an exceptional circumstance.

### Number of students with excellent attendance

| Year Group | Number of students with 100% attendance |               | Number of students with 96-99.9% attendance |               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
|            | This half term                          | Academic year | This half term                              | Academic year |
| 7          | 128                                     | 97            | 11                                          | 41            |
| 8          | 126                                     | 83            | 7                                           | 43            |
| 9          | 122                                     | 78            | 4                                           | 42            |
| 10         | 111                                     | 77            | 2                                           | 30            |
| 11         | 78                                      | 47            | 4                                           | 38            |

## Severe Weather Information



Greatest Hits Radio West Yorkshire and Pulse 1 are the local radio stations serving the Kirklees area. Both radio stations provide a trusted source of information for local residents.

Greatest Hits Radio West Yorkshire and Pulse 1 have an online web service directing listeners to the appropriate source of information for their school. We will in turn be using these sources to provide us with the closure information we need to keep the Kirklees area informed.

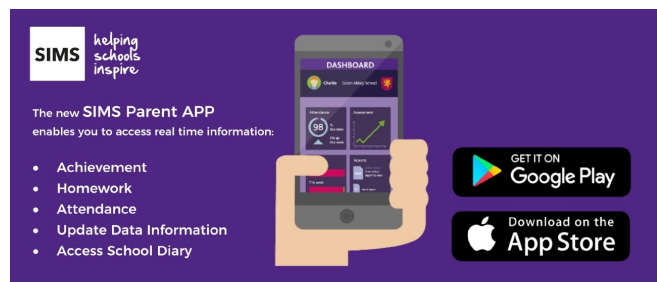
Our bulletins contain local news, sport, traffic and weather information for life in Kirklees and the rest of West Yorkshire. On these mornings where severe weather conditions are impacting schools, we will have a strong focus on this information with frequent bulletins in our weekday breakfast programmes, followed by hourly local news and weather through the day.

Please check our website and listen on air for the latest information. Information regarding severe weather closure will also be available in Kirklees Council by searching for 'School closures', and on our website [www.aschc.com](http://www.aschc.com). A message will also be sent to parents via Parent App. Please ensure you have access to this in the event we need to contact you.

Email [communication@aschc.com](mailto:communication@aschc.com) to request joining instructions for Parent App.

## SIMS Parent App

[communication@aschc.com](mailto:communication@aschc.com)



**SIMS** helping schools inspire

The new SIMS Parent APP enables you to access real time information:

- Achievement
- Homework
- Attendance
- Update Data Information
- Access School Diary

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All letters, newsletters and notifications are now only being sent out to parents via SIMS Parent App. If you do not have access to this app please email [communication@aschc.com](mailto:communication@aschc.com) and joining instructions will be sent to you.

## Student Wellbeing Survey

The Public Health Intelligence team are conducting a short wellbeing survey for young people aged 9 to 16 to see how they're feeling at the moment.

We carried out a similar survey back in July and had over 450 respondents who provided some valuable insight into how the pandemic had affected them. A brief summary can be found [here](#).

We are appealing to all school settings to encourage their young people to participate in the current survey before it closes on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

*Kirklees Council's Public Health team is asking young people aged 9-16 to tell us about their experiences of Coronavirus and how lockdown has affected their life and the way they feel. This will help the council and schools plan how much (and what type of) support young people may need. All questions are optional, and your child can leave out any question they don't want to answer. The information given by your child will not allow us to identify them. Data gathered through the survey will be held as long as necessary to carry out a full analysis of the findings. The survey will run until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and a summary of findings will be published in January. Further details will be available via [Involve](#).*

We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to complete the survey, by using the QR code below or by clicking on this link: <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160700494073>



## Remote Learning

### Microsoft Teams

A reminder to parents and students that all lessons are uploaded onto Microsoft Teams for students that are not able to come into school.

Students can access Teams through the link on Moodle or sign in to Office 365 using their school email address and password.

All lesson materials have been uploaded to files/class materials.

If your child is struggling to access the work, please see the Teams guide in Moodle for more information.

Should your child not have access to the internet, or not have access to a device which allows them to access online learning (not including a smartphone) when required to isolate, please email [office@aschc.com](mailto:office@aschc.com).



## Parent Information

# NRPF NETWORK

No  
Recourse  
to Public  
Funds

### NRPF - No recourse to public funds

For any family staying within the UK with a temporary immigration status who have no entitlement to the majority of welfare benefits, including income support, housing benefit and a range of allowances and tax credits please see below:

The DfE have temporarily extended free school meal eligibility to include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). These groups are:

#### Children of Zambrano carers

A Zambrano carer is the primary carer of a British citizen child or dependent adult, where requiring the primary carer to leave the UK would force that British citizen to leave the European Economic Area. They must be able to show:

That the carer/parent is not a British citizen

That the child is a British citizen

That the carer is a direct relative or legal guardian of the child

That they have primary responsibility of the child

That there are no other members of the carer's family in the UK or the EEA who could look after the child

- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights

Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

These groups are subject to a maximum household income threshold for £28,200. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/guidance-for-the-temporary-extension-of-free-school-meals-eligibility-to-nrpf-groups#london-or-outside-london> .

If any of the above applies to you please click on the hyperlink below to access an application form to apply for free school meals.

## Free School Meals

### Free School Meal Asda Vouchers for Eligible Families

During October half term, Kirklees funded all schools to provide £15 supermarket vouchers to eligible free school meal students. We arranged with Asda to email all our eligible families with a £15 voucher per student. Most families have accessed and redeemed their vouchers. If you have not redeemed your October voucher, please look back at your previous emails from Asda to access the voucher.

## Local Welfare Provision -

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/benefits/local-welfare-provision.aspx>



If you or your family are affected financially Kirklees may be able to help you in a number of ways. The only qualifying criteria are that the family lives in Kirklees.

They can:

Make referrals for school uniform support (free recycled school uniforms are also available from the Uniform Exchange <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/> )

Advise how to apply for free school meals <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> and school transport <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/school-transport.aspx>

Make referrals for food parcels and / or issue a voucher for food or fuel

Advise on welfare benefit entitlements, including rent and mortgage payments

Advise on local and national COVID-19 assistance schemes

Advise on Council Tax reduction help

Please contact Kirklees Local Welfare Provision Team directly by Telephone 01484 414782 or email [lw@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:lw@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Free School meals - Christmas Holidays

Kirklees have kindly agreed to continue to fund free school meal students during the 2 week holiday period. We have arranged for a £30 voucher to be sent to our parents/ carers for students entitled to this provision.

The vouchers were ordered via Wonde on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and you should have received one of the following:

- Text message from 'SchoolMeals'
- Email from 'vouchers@wonde.com'

You will have a range of supermarkets to use the voucher. They include Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys, Morrisons, MacColls, Aldi and Iceland. Vouchers are valid for 12 months other than Tesco which is 5 years. Asda are the only supermarket you can use the voucher online. Once you have indicated to Wonde your preferred supermarket, Wonde will purchase the voucher on your behalf and send it to your email or mobile between 4pm and 10pm on the day Wonde place the order.

For further information and help please click on the hyperlinks below:

<http://help.wonde.com/en/articles/3843162-faqs-for-parents-supermarket-voucher>

<http://help.wonde.com/en/articles/3847273-free-school-meal-orders-explained>

<https://www.aschc.com/fsm-update/>



# Staff News

## Goodbye and hello



We end this term saying a huge thank you and goodbye to the following staff members ...

Anna Walsh – Faculty Leader of MFL

Andy Jackson – IT Manager

Tom Oya – IT Technician

Farheen Sufi – Educational Teaching Assistant

Claire Berry – Lunchtime supervisor

All have secured promotions in their new roles and we wish them all the best!



In January we welcome ...

Adam Knight – Assistant Principal

Oisin Stack – Educational Support Assistant

Mark Denton – Exams Invigilator

Victoria Rothwell – Exams Invigilator

Isabella Rothwell – Exams Invigilator

and also congratulations to Sean Carragher on his promotion to Vice Principal.



A massive **WELL DONE** to Teresa Bailey, one of our Educational Support Assistants, who has raised nearly £300 for The Forget Me Not Trust Hospice! Brilliant work!!

# Governors



A warm welcome to our new Governors...

Christine Pullan - Foundation Governor

Kim Heanue - Parent Governor

David Hymas - Staff Governor

Tim Atkinson - Parent Governor

## Christine Pullan - Foundation Governor

It is a great honour to be starting my time as a Foundation Governor.

I am happily married with two children who have been through All Saints, many years ago. They are both very successful in their chosen careers. I have two wonderful grandchildren who are at the start and approaching the end of their All Saints journey.

As a retired teacher, having taught all ages from 3-16, including two years at All Saints, I care passionately about ensuring that the family of All Saints receive the very best education, in order to achieve their potential in life, just as my children did.

## David Hymas - Staff Governor

I was appointed Staff Governor in September 2020. I've worked at All Saints since 2017 and started my time as a Cover Supervisor. In 2018 I was appointed Cover Manager for the School.

I live in Halifax with my wife Mary and our four children, Margaret, Elizabeth, James and Beatrice.

My background is in sport. Since leaving school in 2001 I have worked as a squash coach for England Squash all across the UK. My hobbies include cycling and governance.

## Kim Heanue - Parent Governor

I live in Huddersfield and my daughter attends All Saints.

I am a newly appointed parent governor, and I currently serve on the Staffing and Curriculum sub-group.

I am a qualified and registered Social Worker and I am currently a Principal Lecturer in Social Work at a local University.

I have 13 years' experience of teaching in higher education and I am a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. I hope that I can use my skills and experiences of teaching and learning to contribute towards school governance.

I feel that it is important that all young people have the opportunity to participate positively in school life and to achieve their full potential.

I am passionate about ensuring that young people are equipped with the academic, vocational and social skills they need to successfully move into further education and employment.

## Tim Atkinson - Parent Governor

I have lived in Huddersfield with my family since 2005. My son is at All Saints and my daughter attends St Patrick's Catholic Primary School.

I have worked in large Financial Services organisations for over 20 years, using my skills to work through many challenging situations to ensure the needs of customers and colleagues are met. My aim is to bring those skills and experience to All Saints as a Parent Governor.

I consider myself very fortunate to have had an excellent and enjoyable state school experience throughout my childhood, with learning opportunities that have positively influenced my life ever since. Every child and their family deserve that experience and as a parent, I am committed to helping All Saints continue to develop and excel in offering these opportunities to all.

## Lost Property

Please find a list below of all items currently held in our lost property box.

If any of these items belong to your child, please ask them to collect from Student Services before the end of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

All unclaimed items after this date will be donated to Uniform Exchange as we do not have the facility to store lost items indefinitely.

| <u>LOST PROPERTY as of 11/12/20</u>                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|
| Denim style black pencil case                        |
| ASCHC black hoodie, size small                       |
| Mountain Warehouse Pakka lightweight jacket, size 12 |
| Navy sparkly girls coat, black fur lining, age 12    |
| Black rain coat with poppers, size small             |
| Star Wars, Clone Wars lunch bag                      |
| Peacocks black boys coat, size large                 |
| Silver coloured ring, with heart design              |
| Clear pencil case with purple zip                    |
| Pick and black Gilbert football boots, size 7        |
| Grey, black and orange knitted hat, age 11-13        |
| Keyring wth figure and door key                      |

***Please put names on all your child's belongings so they can be returned promptly to the right person. Thank you.***

## Uniform Exchange

We would like to say a huge thank you to the 40 schools who have taken part and helped us give away nearly 400 warm winter coats and extras since the beginning of November.

We still have coats to give away. Please get in touch ASAP if you have a child/children who need a warm coat before Christmas. Families can apply to us directly for help. However, we will have a limited service over Christmas.

**Kate France**  
**Founder & Project Director, Uniform Exchange**

<http://www.uniform-exchange.org>  
[@uniformexchang](https://www.facebook.com/UniformExchange)  
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# Uniform Exchange



Uniform Exchange helped 500 local children in 2014 with free school uniform packs & winter coats, recycling over 5000 items of good Uniform!

Do you need assistance in sorting out school uniform for your family? If so message us through Facebook, let us know what you need and we will be in touch... and don't forget to LIKE our page!

Last winter Uniform Exchange collected and distributed 200 coats, shoes & accessories to local children! Can you help us increase that number by donating unused and out-grown coats, scarves, hats, gloves and footwear?



## Need help? Want to help?

If you need assistance sorting out school uniform for your family visit the Uniform Exchange website: [www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/](http://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/) here you will find a FREE school uniform request form, or visit their Facebook page - see below for details.

Do you have old school uniform at home that's too good to throw away? Donate items, as listed below, to help others in need.

Visit [www.uniform-exchange.org/collection-points/](http://www.uniform-exchange.org/collection-points/) for information about drop-off points. NB - please don't bring bags to school as unfortunately we don't have the space to store them.

## Confidence in School Uniform

Let's recycle together for our local Community

### Helping the community of Kirklees through Uniform Exchange

Items Including:

- Polo-Shirts
- Trousers
- Coats
- Skirts
- Shirts
- Jumpers
- Tights
- Cardigans
- Blazers
- Shoes
- Socks
- Jackets
- Trainers
- Pumps
- Sports Kits
- Dresses

**We recycle out-grown school uniform and pass it on to families who need help.**

- Help us by bagging up any out-grown school uniform.
- Drop off points include your local Sure Start Children's Centres, Kirklees libraries, Sainsbury's Shorehead  
Go to the website for a full list of drop off points.
- All donations welcome, rags will be sold to support the project.
- We offer uniform FREE, if you need help go to the website for details.

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

Website:  
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# Letter to parents



Dear parent/carer

We hope you and your family are staying safe and can enjoy a well-deserved break over the festive period.

With the end of term approaching, we wanted to thank you for supporting the Kirklees family of schools. This has been a term like no other, and many pupils have needed to isolate at various times, but our schools have done an excellent job in managing Covid cases. Attendance levels are good, which is a sign of the trust and faith that families have shown in their local school.

Up to and including the two-week holiday period, it's vital that we all continue following government guidelines and play our part in the fight against Coronavirus. Nobody wants a child to be in isolation over the holidays, but please remember that all schools must still follow the same national guidance from Public Health. This remains key to infection rates falling.

When schools reopen, it is essential that children should not attend if they, or a member of their household, are showing any symptoms of Covid or have tested positive. The main symptoms are: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. If your child has to isolate, they should remain at home at all times during this period.

Schools across Kirklees are doing a vast amount of work to support learning and wellbeing whilst also keeping pupils as safe as possible. This will, of course, continue in 2021 and we thank them for everything they do. At a time of so much uncertainty, the importance of schools has never been greater. They educate our children, they care for them and they make a huge difference in young lives.

Thank you again for supporting your school and for helping our children to enjoy the best possible start.

There is lots of information on the council's web page about how we can all play our part in tackling Coronavirus: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/playourpart](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/playourpart)  
We wish you and your family the very warmest of wishes for the festive period.

Yours sincerely



**Cllr Carole Pattison**  
Cabinet member for Learning,  
Communities



**Mel Meggs**  
Strategic Director for Children's Services Aspiration and

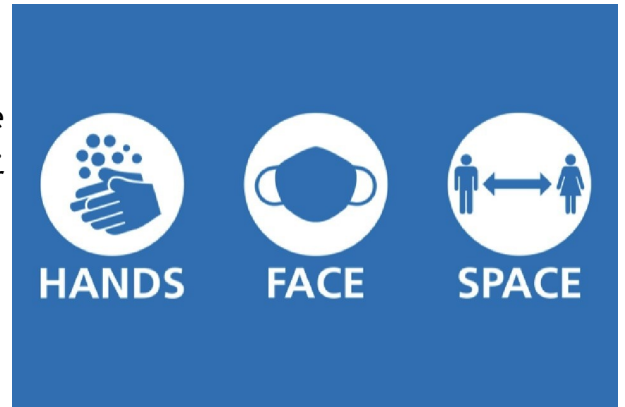
## COVID-19

### When should someone self-isolate?

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19). Self-isolating helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

Self-isolate immediately if:

- You have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- You are waiting for the result of a COVID-19 test
- You've tested positive for coronavirus - this means you have coronavirus
- You live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- Someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- You're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHC COVID-19 app
- You arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk



### When to get a test

Get a test as soon as possible if you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.) You do not need to get a test if you have no symptoms or if you have different symptoms.

To ensure that we can keep in contact with families whilst they are self-isolating or contact parents urgently if a child becomes unwell during the day, it is vitally important that parent/carer contact details (telephone numbers, address etc) held by school are up-to-date. Please inform school immediately of any changes to these.

### Absence reporting procedures

If a student is going to be absent, parents/carers are asked to contact school, either by ringing the Attendance Office on 01484 426466 Option 1 or by sending a message via the Parent App before 8.30am on each and every day of absence.

## Face Coverings

Remember to bring a mask to school

We have been really impressed with the majority of students acceptance and continued support by wearing face masks in school at designated times.

We would like to ask parents/carers to please continue to support us by ensuring students wear a face mask to school, and also ask that students keep a spare mask in their school bag should they ever need it.

We are replenishing our stock of spare masks for emergency use, but due to having to give out disposable masks on occasions when a mask has been forgotten, this is becoming expensive for school.





**Our Shop Will Be Closing For Christmas  
3pm, Saturday 19th December**

**We Re-Open again  
9am, Saturday 2nd January**

**Resuming our usual business hours.  
See website for details.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TERM TIME WEAR**

**[www.termtimewear.com](http://www.termtimewear.com)**



Kirklees council would like #teamkane to put on a series of sessions to help the local community. They are free to attend but booking is essential. Details are on this flyer.

Each two hour session will include;

- 30 minute Fitness skills and drills and healthy eating talk.
- 30 minutes Self Defence skills lesson
- 30 minute Martial Arts taster lesson.
  
- Refreshments will be included during break times. We need to know of allergies in advance.

Room one

Ages 3-6

Room two

Ages 7-11

Room 3

Mums and children / family room.

Sessions will take place on

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd  
December.

Morning session 10am until 12pm

Afternoon session 1pm until 3pm

Digital Booking Link - You must fill in a form for each day if you wish to attend multiple days.

Monday 21st

<https://forms.gle/FDz5bm7QZXztVaDM6>

Tuesday 22nd

<https://forms.gle/gcXqCDJxxGnCb2Fo8>

Wednesday 23rd

<https://forms.gle/rfzPR5fXB2VYoXeR8>

I look forward to helping more families get active now and in 2021.

To see the safety measures we have in place simply click the following link to see our safety video.

<https://youtu.be/4TRKN1jAWeA>

Rebecca Kane Head instructor and founder.



**FAMILIES OF HUDDERSFIELD...**

**HAS LOCKDOWN GOT YOU FEELING DOWN? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN?**

**FREE TO ATTEND**

**WE CAN HELP YOUR FAMILY!**

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ELEVATING BLACK BELT EXPERIENCE



## Westend needs your help!!!

### Westend Community Champions


Westend Juniors are now collecting donations for local foodbank to vulnerable families, elderly citizens and we need your help urgently!!!   

Our new drop off zone is Focal Community Centre, New Hey Rd, Reinwood HD3 4DB ( Located next to the Salvation Army building) Mon - Weds - Fri 6pm - 7pm


Please follow, and share our link:

<https://www.facebook.com/280280031218/posts/10157916729761219/>

### How you can help

 Food donations

 Winter clothing, jumpers, coats, etc in quality condition

 Pre - loved toys, games or gift

Please get behind our 'Westend Community Champions' who are doing truly amazing work in our community for those most in need.

If you require any further information please contact [info@westendjuniors.com](mailto:info@westendjuniors.com) or contact Shaun Weatherhead 07841 632023

On behalf of  
Westend Community Champions

Thank you  
Shaun Weatherhead  
Westend Juniors  
Chairman

## Term Dates 2020-2021

| First Day               | Half Term                                        | Last Day             |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Autumn Term 2020</b> |                                                  |                      |
| Tuesday 7th September   | Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020   | Friday 18th December |
| <b>Spring Term 2021</b> |                                                  |                      |
| Monday 4th January      | Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2020 | Friday 26th March    |
| <b>Summer Term 2021</b> |                                                  |                      |
| Monday 12th April       | Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2020           | Monday 26th July     |

## College is closed to students on the following dates:

- Inset Day 1 - Monday 7th September 2020
- Inset Day 2 - Tuesday 8th September 2020
- Disaggregated Day 1 - Friday 13th November 2020
- Inset Day 3 - Friday 23rd October 2020
- Government - recommended Inset Day - Friday 18th December 2020
- Inset Day 4 - Monday 4th January 2021
- Disaggregated Day 2 - Monday 26th July 2021

## Term Dates 2021-2022

| First Day               | Half Term                                        | Last Day             |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Autumn Term 2021</b> |                                                  |                      |
| Monday 6th September    | Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021   | Friday 17th December |
| <b>Spring Term 2022</b> |                                                  |                      |
| Tuesday 4th January     | Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022 | Friday 8th April     |
| <b>Summer Term 2022</b> |                                                  |                      |
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- Disaggregated Day 2 - Tuesday 26th July 2022

## September 2021

- Tuesday 7th September 2021 - ONLY Y7 and Y11 students in school
- Wednesday 8th September 2021 - ALL students in school