

February 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

## Remote Learning

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement with home learning which everyone appreciates is a challenge. The recent survey of Year 10 parents following Parents' Evening gave us good feedback and it is very encouraging that 96% of respondents feel that the current provision is good or very good. I will send out a similar survey following each Parents' Evening that is coming up. The response to the remote Parents' Evening using schoolcloud was also very positive with everyone saying it was easy to use and again 96% finding it satisfactory or better.

It is important to remind all students that work is set on Synergy and they need to check Synergy for each lesson each day. All our reports for who has engaged with learning and done the work come through Synergy and so it is not enough just to go into Teams.

On Thursday afternoon next week we are having a little bit of time for catch up. We do not want students getting stressed about work when so many of them are working hard and so Thursday p 4 and 5 is an opportunity to catch up. If they are up to date, we encourage them to do something creative, take some time to read or do some additional physical exercise. We will have some additional activities for those students who are in school.

To assist with remote learning we will have a 'touring school minibus' on Wednesday of next week that will stop at locations in each of our feeder areas so that students or parents/carers can collect more resources if they need them – pens, paper, exercise books etc. We would ask all students/parents collecting resources to wear masks. Times and locations:

Kirkham	Morrisons Car park	10.30am
Wesham	Community Centre	10.50am
Weeton Camp	Car Park at front of camp	11.20am
Wrea Green	Lay by at side of the Green	12 noon
Warton	Car park opposite BAE	12.25pm
Freckleton	Opposite the Coach & Horses	12.45pm
Newton	Bell and Bottle	1.15pm
Treales	Car park next to church & school	2.00pm

## Parents' Evening Year 9

If you have not already done so, please go to <https://carrhill.schoolcloud.co.uk> and make your appointments for the Year 9 Parents' Evening which will be held remotely on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm till 7pm. As I said above, the system is very easy to use, you do not need a password or username – just a device with a microphone and camera.

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Express Yourself'. This is a concern for everyone, especially during these times of lockdown and there are items on the website and resources in the Covid Section of the website to help with this. Please do contact school with any concerns.

## Half Term

School will be closed during half term week. I will only send a letter next Friday if there is anything urgent to inform you of. Those families in receipt of free school meal vouchers will receive a £15 per child voucher for the half term week.

We are expecting a Government announcement on February 22<sup>nd</sup> – just after half term – on plans for slowly undoing the lockdown and will then consider what this means for our school and students returning.

During this half term we have said that students coming into school have not had to wear uniform. I am asking that when we return after half term we go back to uniform.

With best wishes



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