

# IDSALL SCHOOL

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## Parent and Carer letter

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a difficult half term and we have been coping well with the many challenges on returning to school and re-establishing routines.

A lot has been happening and as always, students have been brilliant in supporting and being part of our school community, with lots of great work being completed.

Where possible, please can we remind students to continue completing lateral flow tests. These have been helpful in keeping our numbers low and manageable; and this has certainly supported us to control the spread around the school and our communities.

We will be continuing to use Microsoft Teams where possible for meetings, and will be using our remote parents' evening system, as we work through the winter months and monitor the Covid numbers with the support of Public Health. If any new government or safety measures are required, we will write to you again. We will continue to encourage the use of face coverings on the school coaches.

Also, please can we ask you to contact the school directly and encourage your children not to use their mobile phones during the school day. Phone lines are manned at all times and it supports monitoring, especially when it comes to absence. Students should present to the pastoral or first aid office when unwell.

We are sorry we are still experiencing some staffing and delivery issues especially within the catering service. We know we are not the only school as it seems to be a national issue. We will continue to make further improvements as quickly as possible. We do thank students and parents for their patience and continued support. We are committed to ensuring that both the break and the lunch service improve, and that the food is of a good quality; this is assessed externally regularly.

All eligible families who have free school meals will have vouchers posted out to them for the half term holidays, using the usual Edenred platform.

For our year 11 students, a reminder that our sixth form open evening is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm until 7.30pm. Come along and see what's on offer, along with how to get good A level grades with us and our proven track record of students getting into university or higher apprenticeship places. A careers fayre is on before that from 4pm to 7pm in the Sports Hall – please see flyer attached with this letter. All are welcome, no need to book. We are also offering tours around the school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 12pm – places for these tours need to be booked, by contacting Mrs Case in the sixth form.

Our charity work has very much re-started, and we have already had some real events to get involved in; and many more coming after half term, including a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children, and a non-uniform day in aid of both the local charity Live at Home and the national charity for a young boy requiring specialist treatment. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Congratulations to the many successful team sporting fixtures and the excellent individual sporting successes of our 'elite sporting performers' both in and out of school. We continue to be very proud of them all.

We have a lot to look forward to in the next half term with the hall and a new dining restaurant being opened, and some reviews and assessments taking place across many year groups.

I would like to wish you a lovely half term break and hope everyone keeps safe and well as we enter the run up towards Christmas.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms M King', written in a cursive style.

Ms M King

Headteacher