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Dear Parents/Carers

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Remote Learning

Until Thursday 24th September we had no members of our school community testing positive for Covid-19. Unfortunately, since then we have experienced positive cases among staff and in all year groups except Year 7. This has necessitated a move to remote/online learning for many pupils.

I wish to commend staff for the exceptional job that has been done to deliver learning either on Microsoft Teams or through other virtual learning methods. Many of us are learning new skills, which are challenging but which are clearly benefitting our pupils.

I would be most grateful if you could remind your children that when they are at home selfisolating they should be following their timetable. This is unlike the lockdown period we experienced from March to July. Teachers are in school and are in communication with their classes from the room in which the class would be taught under normal circumstances, either on camera or through chat facilities. Pupils must attend online classes or complete work set remotely. A small minority of pupils have not engaged well with their online learning, having disrupted sessions or not having completed work as set. Following a short period of self-isolation pupils will return and should be aware that they may face sanctions or school detentions if their work or behavior is not of the standard expected.

If the reason your child is not attending online or completing the work set is that there are technical/equipment issues at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Manager in the first instance.

Cafod Fast Day

Due to the ongoing restrictions in response to the pandemic, it will not be possible to collect money for Cafod next Friday 9th October in the usual way. If you would like to donate to the cause, please follow the link which you will receive next week by Parent Mail.

Streetwise Production (virtual)

Year 7 pupils will receive a virtual presentation on road safety on Thursday 8th October from the 'Streetwise' organization.

Year 11 Careers Interviews

Every year we have many volunteers who come into school to facilitate mock careers interviews. If you would like to be involved with this activity closer to Christmas, which this year will be conducted online, please contact Mrs Cooper at the school.

Parking 1997

I would like to thank parents for their compliance with our measures to combat the spread of Covd-19. I would also request that they park responsibly with our close neighbours in mind. I have been sent photographs by local residents which show cars on pavements blocking the way.

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Feast Day of Francis of Assisi

Monday 5th October is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Kate, our chaplain, will be marking this day with all of our 'Francis' family. The pupils can look forward to a treat!

Vlogstar Competition

As you may know from the last two years, United Utilities hold a 'Vlogstar Competition' to raise awareness of things that should not be flushed down toilets. Two years ago Jacob Walne won the competition. Last year Ben Hawarden came second. The prize for the winner is £1000 for the school and £250 in vouchers for the winner themselves. There are several schools who have been shortlisted this year and we are one of them. Our entry is from Harry Adamson in 8 Catherine. So we need to all log and vote for Harry's entry at:

https://www.unitedutilities.com/votenow

Yours sincerely

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