

12 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in helping your children to make an extremely positive reintegration back into school.

We have been delighted to see so many of our pupils returning to school this week, and have been in the fortunate position to offer every pupil in every year group the opportunity to attend each day. It is fantastic to see our attendance so high at 97%. This is significantly above the national average for secondary schools during normal term time and we have demonstrated our commitment to attending school even in the face of unprecedented times. Thank you for your support.

Walking around the school this week, we have seen pupils take the opportunity to refamiliarise themselves with producing high quality written work rather than working online. This has been helped by every pupil in school being fully equipped with pen, pencil, ruler and planner - your support with this has been greatly appreciated. You will also be aware that we were in the fortunate position to have been able to issue your child with a scientific calculator free of charge on Wednesday. All of this ensures that teachers can devote their time to pupils, with their focus on supporting learning. Our equipment store will remain open throughout term time in case of any further stationery requirements.

We really appreciate the efforts that parents and carers have gone to, in ensuring your child wears their uniform to school. This is very important for us because, in addition to helping the children get back to a sense of normality, we feel it is safer for everyone to wear a different set of clothes for school to the clothes they wear at home. Over the course of the week, the extent to which the closure of shops have had on families and difficulties ordering uniform has become apparent. For this reason, we are making reasonable adjustments around uniform on a case by case basis until shops reopen. We would ask parents/carers to contact us at any time on enquiries@sacredheart.npcat.org.uk if you wish to ask questions or update us on any circumstances regarding uniform so we can support you and your child. Please be assured that we will work with you to overcome any difficulties you encounter.



The atmosphere around school has been overwhelmingly positive and calm this week. It has been wonderful to see friends, separated over this last lockdown, able to be reunited at school. The climate in classrooms has been one of diligence and endeavour to learn that characterises our fantastic school community.

Outside of our classrooms, our school community continues to show amazing kindness. This year we are supporting CAFOD's 'Walk for water' campaign and we've set the target of walking the distance between Redcar and Ethiopia which is about 5806 miles. Thank you to the many pupils who have already engaged in this and apologies to parents who have been dragged out on walks they weren't expecting!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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