



## **RE: Weekly update 28/5/21**

Dear parent carers

What a busy week it has been! From the highly popular Virtual SEND Conference, to the 2 day long Principal interviews, we would like to thank you for your support and engagement with these important activities. There has been over 300 bookings onto sessions for the conference ranging from curriculum launches, to the chance to meet key external professionals who work with our children's physical development, speech and language and much more! This event has also provided professionals in our local area to learn more about the range of SEND needs that our children and young people have which will help us all to safeguard and work together more effectively. Watch this space for more information about how to give your feedback and access session recordings!

### **The situation this week - Class bubble closures**

- Thankfully there have been zero positive test results this week and so all class groups have stayed open.
- There has been zero impact to class bubbles from Lateral Flow testing.

### **Principal appointment – Brian Thomas**

As you will know, Brian Thomas is the new Principal for Severndale from September. This is fantastic news as he brings SEND knowledge and experience of special schools, which is essential for this role. I look forward to working with him to complete the best handover I possibly can to support a strong and smooth transition to Severndale and our fantastic community.

### **Free School Meals**

Following the turbulent 14 months of Covid-19 impact to our lives, we are aware that for some families, circumstances have changed significantly. We would like to remind you that we are here to help and support you to access any additional help that you may be eligible for. This could be via an Early Help referral, or through an application to gain Free School Meal support. Please email [rhiannon.moreton@severndaleacademy.co.uk](mailto:rhiannon.moreton@severndaleacademy.co.uk) or your class teacher if you would like to talk this through. We all need more help at different times in our lives, so please reach out if you would like to explore your options together.

### **Summer term 2 – what's to come...**

As we approach the final segment of the academic year, plans for September and the new year will get firmed up and shared with you. We appreciate that thoughts about transitions to potential new class groupings/ classrooms/ or different sites can be an exciting, tricky and worrying time for many of us so we will work with you over the coming term to support transitions with resources and supportive activities that your child/ young person can use at home and school. We have our fingers crossed for the lifting of all restrictions to class bubbles from 21 June, in line with the government's road map to the Covid-19 recovery plan which will enable us to support transition visits and activities in a fun and engaging way.

In the meantime, have an enjoyable and safe half term week!

Sabrina Hobbs, Principal