



RE: Weekly update 11/6/21

Dear parent carers

I hope this update finds you and your family well after a sunny half term break. I know that many of us were able to get out and about which makes a massive difference to health and wellbeing.

This feeling of getting closer to normality has continued into this final term as more and more class groups venture into the local community for walks and activities in the local parks. The happy, smiling faces of our young people as they prepare to leave school site, tells us how much they have missed their usual opportunities their enriched and inclusive curriculum brings.

It has been such a long time since groups have gone out, that important self and community awareness skills are being refreshed and resources are being made to prepare and support this reintegration back into our wider community.

The situation this week - Class bubble closures

- Thankfully there have been zero positive test results this week and therefore no impact to school bubbles.
- There has also been zero impact to class bubbles from Lateral Flow testing.
- Thank you for your on-going vigilance around Covid, this has led to an increasing attendance figure reaching 92% this week, which is fantastic!

Activities weeks – catching up with what we've missed!

You may be aware that the government have granted all schools additional funds to support 'Covid catch-up' for all pupils. Covid catch-up is used in a variety of ways to boost priority skills and knowledge that has been negatively affected over the course of lockdown.

At Severndale we have spent much of these funds on enriching classroom and wider school environments to compensate for Covid limitations in and around school. Funds have also supported the development of a brand new library, outdoor play, and motion sensory equipment.

We plan to use the remainder of the funds to celebrate the end of our most challenging year. In the final 2 weeks of term, between 5/7/21 – 16/7/21, we aim to 'catch-up' with all that we have missed about learning in the wider community. We hope to instil motivation, develop confidence, and refresh that love of learning that Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) experiences bring. Look out for letters from your class teacher/ department to find out more about the activities, trips and visits that your child/ young person will have the opportunity to join in with.

Virtual SEND conference feedback please....

We had lots of brilliant informal feedback from the popular Virtual SEND Conference at the end of last term. To help this event get even better for next year, please complete the 3-minute survey using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/viZpTWpt5Q>

Thank you for your on-going support and please let us know if you have any queries or suggestions.

Enjoy the weekend!

Sabrina Hobbs, Principal