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BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

"Above all else a place for learning"

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Ref:MCG/ber/Parent Comms

Dear Parents & Carers

I have to report to you that at the end of last week we were notified of a positive COVID case and as a result have had to isolate a section of our Year 10 students.

Our internal track and trace procedures enabled us to identify those who had potentially been in contact with the student concerned. We would like to reassure you that we followed the Public Health England procedures, and have notified those families involved and provided them with the guidance on self-isolation. You can find a copy of the Public Health England letter on our school website on the COVID-19 Weekly Learning and Parents' Letters pages.

In these final weeks of this term, we ask that all of our community remain vigilant in the lead up to Christmas. You can assist us by ensuring that you send your children with clean masks, and like us, remind them to hand sanitise and to keep their distance at all times.

We also ask that you do not send your child into school if they are displaying any of the symptoms, which include.

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If in doubt please call the school for further guidance and as always all of our communication and Covid guidance is on our website.

I remind you again, that as we move further into winter your child should have appropriate outdoor clothing and bring an umbrella to school; your support on this is greatly appreciated.

Progress Review appointments are now live on the <https://bishopshalt.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Thank you to the parents whom have already booked their slots. You will be provided with reports to discuss with your tutor.

As part of our Show Kindness Drop Down Day a selection of our students sent letters to the residents of local care homes. Last week I have the pleasure of receiving a letter from one of those residents, who transpired to be an ex student. The gentleman was a former Head Boy of Bishopshalt in the 1940s and he had received letters from our students. He wrote back to the school expressing his thanks to the staff for organising this, but what was touching was that he had also written an individual letter to all of the students involved. It was wonderful and gratifying to see the impact of the students' concerned act of kindness on the wider community.



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We have been notified by the Metropolitan Police that a number of school children in the Uxbridge area have been victims of robbery. They do not believe that school children are being specifically targeted but have asked us to alert parents to this matter so that you can speak to your children and tell them to be vigilant about their personal devices when not at home or in school.

The thefts have included mobile phones, wireless earphones, e-scooters and valuable personal technology. The Metropolitan Police's recommend that you register mobile phones and technology on www.immobilise.com as this can assist them to return devices back to their owners and help identify offenders.

Finally, I would like to wish a great Bodhi day tomorrow and the start of Hanukkah this Friday for those that celebrate them.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McGillicuddy', written in a cursive style.

L McGillicuddy (Mr)
Headteacher