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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing, flu vaccination mop up next Monday, Year 13 mock results day, Year 11 mock examination mop up, end of term reporting, extra funding available for school, second hand uniform

Welcome to my end of the week update letter. As we celebrate Christmas Jumper Day and kick off our House fundraising challenge it has been lovely to see so many youngsters taking part, even if the one Year 11 student in a full Santa suit was unexpected! Well done for getting in the spirit!

A slightly shorter and sharper letter this week which shouldn't take so long to read.

Covid-19 including testing

Your child should have received their latest allocation of home test kits. We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits.

Flu vaccination mop up next Monday

The flu vaccination team will make their final visit to us next Monday to mop up a small number of outstanding flu vaccines.

Year 13 mock results day

Y13 mock results day will take place on Monday afternoon next week where staff will be on hand to support and advise.

We would also like to take a moment to recognise the efforts of our Year 13 students in completing their UCAS applications in good time. Offers and interviews are flooding in, with a large proportion of our students already in receipt of multiple offers from universities.

Year 11 mock examination mop up

Examinations conclude next week with art and photography for Year 11. We will also offer catch up for all Year 11 students who have missed mock examinations in the past fortnight.

End of term reporting

These reports will be published next week for all year groups, with the exception of Year 11. These will follow after Christmas, with mock examination results.

Extra funding available for school

I enclose a poster with details about some funding the Academy is entitled to collect for your child if subject to certain conditions. Please take a look and contact us if this applies to you via safeguarding@srpa.co.uk.

Second hand uniform

We intend to begin offering a second hand uniform shop in the very near future which will be open at certain times during the week. The costs of all items available will be much reduced simply to cover our costs for laundry/dry cleaning. We will publish these details early in January.

After changes to the national picture surrounding Covid-19 restrictions, it is fair to say that, principally, this does not affect us in any material way at this time. In the words of the American pastor and author Charles Swindoll "Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it."

We will keep on keeping on until Christmas unless anything changes radically.

Next week, we will publish our termly newsletter with my final letter of the term so that you can catch up on all of our activities since September. Finally, if you haven't given us a follow on Instagram yet, all of our departments/faculties now have accounts and are making good use of them. This is a fantastic opportunity to stay in touch with news, examples of the curriculum in real time and some wonderful success stories.

Keep smiling and have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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EXTRA FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Make sure your child's school is not missing out on an extra £2345 each year to support their education.

If you're caring for a child under a **Special Guardianship Order (SGO), Adoption Order or Child Arrangement Order**, additional funding is available to ensure they are given extra support at school.

Called **Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)**, funding up to £2345 is available to each pupil from Reception to Year 11 who was previously looked after and have left care in England and Wales under an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangement order, (formerly residence orders).

If your child has recently moved schools and you haven't informed the school of their status you will need to contact the school as overleaf.



The school may not know of your child's situation, and it's up to you as their parent/guardian to ensure they know your child meets the criteria - then the school can apply for the funding.



What do you need to do?

Contact your child's Designated Teacher for previously looked after children (DT). All schools have one.

You will then need to provide documentary evidence (court order) to the school. They will just need to verify that your child has left public care in England and Wales. They don't need to hold a copy on record.

What is a Designated Teacher?

All schools have a designated teacher and they have responsibility for supporting children who've been previously looked after to help them achieve well at school.

Designated teachers should: work effectively with parents and carers, undertake appropriate training and gain a good understanding of your child's needs to ensure they're receiving the best support.

By when?

Please let your child's school know by the **second week in September** to declare inclusion on the October Census Return so they don't miss out on additional support next year.



Is the funding ring fenced to my child?

The funding is not ring fenced to an individual child. The school can spend the funding either directly on your child, or perhaps to train staff in how best to support children and young people who have been in care.

WHERE CAN I ACCESS MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE?

If you'd like more advice or information on Pupil Premium Plus for previously looked after children, contact your school's Designated Teacher in the first instance. Or for more advice, contact the Lincolnshire Virtual School Team, email virtualschool@lincolnshire.gov.uk