

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of 2021, we look forward to school being fully open next half term. What we know at the moment is that the government will make an announcement immediately after half term to clarify the date for the return of all students to onsite education. At the moment this date is Monday 8th March. We will keep you updated on the announcements and plans we will put in place as they happen.

### **Building work**

When we became an academy the DfE approved plans and funding to build two new classrooms next to the Science room. These plans have been delayed because of the pandemic. However, contractors have been appointed and building work on the two new classrooms will start between half term and Easter. The project will finish in the summer and the new classrooms will be ready for September 2021. We hope that the compound for the building work will already be in place by the time all the students return to onsite education.

### **Tucasi Data Breach**

We have been advised by our payments provider (Tucasi) of a third party data breach that has compromised the mobile phone numbers of users of their service. They have also been able to access the content of messages. Tucasi have reported the Breach to the Information Commissioners Office, but on the advice of our Data Protection Officer the School will also be registering the breach in case any of our Parents or Staff are affected by unwanted calls. Pending the conclusion of the Regulator regarding any further action to be taken, may we please suggest that you are doubly cautious of any calls received from an unknown party.

We share your concerns about this data breach and regret that it has happened. We are very sorry that a contractor we have engaged has been affected in this way and we will support any effort to resolve any arising difficulties.

### **Safeguarding in Remote Learning**

It is important that all our safeguarding standards are met when students and staff are engaged in remote learning and on video calls on Zoom or Google Meet. Video and photos cannot be taken during those sessions and students should be working in a shared family area not a bedroom.

### **Early Help**

Surrey's Early Help are building a Hub which is intended to become a go-to resource to help parents look for additional information about how to support their children. They have started small and are initially just focusing on behaviour but the intention is that this builds to be much more comprehensive in terms of what it offers. The link for parents is:

<https://www.surreysfamilyhelphub.org.uk/?view=category>

### **Surrey Active Bingo Challenge**

Students have been hearing about the Surrey Active Bingo Challenge, which is a set of one-minute physical activity challenges. I encouraged the leadership team to have a go and you can see the results in our assembly video following this link: <https://thepark.surrey.sch.uk/videos>

### **Family Zoom Bingo**

Mr McCarthy will be organising a Free Family Zoom Bingo on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, details to follow.

We hope that you have a good half term.

Yours sincerely

Paul Walsh