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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

As we head into the last week of term, COVID cases are low but we are getting more heavy colds. If in doubt please do an extra lateral flow test, they are much more sensitive and accurate now and can give students reassurance.

Our mock exam week for Year 11 has gone really smoothly and they have been amazing with their organisation, positivity and preparation so please pass on my thanks.

I have a few updates and, I apologise, repeated reminders.

Vaccinations

The NHS school immunisation service came into school today and gave one dose of the Pfizer vaccine to students aged 12 to 15 who had consented. I would like to thank the nurses and all the NHS staff for their organisation, sensitivity and professionalism and well done to students who are not massively fond of needles but who did it anyway.

The Secretary of State for Education has sent a letter regarding the vaccination of 12 to 15 Year olds:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LqmaHBmc0w3Mklerv9Izf3mlzJN53dCO/view>

Online safety

Last week students had an assembly around online safety, and we have asked all of them to sign our student user agreement to ensure their safe use of the ICT facilities whilst here in school.

This also requires parental agreement as well. We do not require a signature, but if you can please read pages 24-25 of the document linked below for your awareness. You only need to contact school if you have concerns around this. We thank you for your support on this important matter.

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Online-Safety-Procedures.pdf>

Climate Change Survey

Members of our community, including a local councillor is gathering information on thoughts and impacts of climate change. They have gathered a lot of information from people over 35 but would be grateful if

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any younger people such as students could complete a short survey, as they want to use this information to inform future local activity and plans.

<https://forms.gle/invqGnvu7DyTHNPh7>

It is short, takes no longer than 5 mins to complete, and all answers are voluntary and anonymous.

Lateral Flow Tests

Thank you so much for your support in continuing to perform lateral flow tests at home. Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms.

The link to reporting results to the NHS is here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. The link to report results to us is here (**please also call the school if you test positive**):

<https://forms.gle/RKzCqrFhzDS4CFK87>

Sports and Fixtures

As we have restarted our sports and fixtures I would like to update you on the results and who was judged as sportsperson of the match.

Rugby vs Ilkley:

Yr7: 40-40 (draw) – William

Yr8: 15-30 (loss) – Ben

Yr9: 15-10 (win) – Ethan

Yr10: 60-20 (win) – Kenzie

Football:

Yr7 vs St Mary's 3-0 (win)

Yr7 vs PHGS 0-1 (loss)

Netball:

Yr7 vs Roundhay 6-2 (win) – Alice

Leeds Schools Cross-country:

Ben - 2nd place in the U13 boys.

Seb - 4th place in the U15 boys.

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Well done to everyone taking part! If you do want to come and watch outdoor events after school you are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher