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Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I hope you and your family are continuing to stay well.

We have been back for two full weeks now, so I thought it an apposite time to write to you all with some updates.

First, I must ask parents who drop students at the Violet Way gate to be mindful of fellow road users. I have had a concerned motorist report to me today that she had a near miss when a car suddenly stopped at our drive to let a student out of the car. A better idea would be to drop your child further away so he/she can walk the last bit to school thus reducing the congestion between the two schools – us and Violet Way Academy.

We have begun the process of distributing lockers to students who want them so please bear with us. It always takes some time and this year will be longer than usual as no one has had a locker for over a year due to COVID.

I am so pleased that we are beginning to get back to a sense of normality. Extra-curricular opportunities are restarting (Coding Club; After School Sports Clubs; Gaming Club; Lunchtime in the Library – more to follow) and our first trip of the year (and for quite some time) is next week. We have our first charity day next Friday in aid of MacMillan Nurses and the Willow Foundation and we are preparing for Year 6 Open Evening which is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm to 8pm. When I walk around the school, I see happy and engaged students and I am particularly impressed with how well our new Year 7 students are adjusting to life at Paulet.

We are still in the midst of the pandemic and that mustn't be forgotten. Thank you for supporting us by helping to ensure your child(ren) understand and follow our COVID mitigations in school. It is really important that students and staff continue to do an LFT twice weekly. In addition to this, Staffordshire County Council has asked us to circulate the list of symptoms which should lead to a person having a PCR test. These are:



- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

Thank you for your ongoing support. Remember if you need to ask anything then please email [office@phs.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:office@phs.jtmat.co.uk)

Kind Regards

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