



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to those parents who have emailed in about our plans to move to remote learning from Friday 11th December. Since March, I have tried to reply to every email of thanks to the school, but due to the large number who emailed in supporting our plans, I haven't been able to reply individually this time. We had less than a handful of parents who raised their concerns about our plans and I have emailed them all back individually; again, thank you for taking the time to share your views.

We look forward to welcoming the majority of the Year 8 bubble back to school on Monday. There is still a small number who continue to be in self-isolation and we look forward to when they can return.

I would be grateful if you could complete the following survey for each of your children by Monday 30th November. We would like to know which students will be completing their remote learning in school, therefore a response for every child is required. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

Due to three positive cases in Year 11 on Tuesday and Wednesday, we asked the year group to work from home. We have had a further four positive cases in Year 11, a Year 7 positive case yesterday evening and a Year 8 case today. All close contacts have been notified. It is very busy in school and I would like to thank Mrs Gregg in our administration team for all the work she has been doing with the track and trace process at Presdales. I thought we were busy until I had communication this week with another Headteacher in Hertfordshire who has had 36 positive cases in 10 school days.

Sixth Form remote opening evening

Thank you to the Sixth Form team and teachers for delivering the Sixth Form Remote Open Evening last night. We had many internal and external students and parents attend the Google Meets. Due to Year 11 being out of school, the Sixth Form subject fair during the day has been postponed until after Christmas.

School Charity Christmas Card

Well done to all students who took part in the competition to design our charity Christmas Card this year. It was a difficult decision to pick the winner, well done to:

1st Place: N O'Donoghue (Y7)

2nd Place: M Reid (Sixth form)

3rd Place: E Rashad (Y8)

Details of how to purchase packs of cards have been sent out by the Finance team. Well done to our Sixth Form charity team for organising this.

Christmas Toy Appeal

Jedidiah, a national charity that have been providing food parcels locally for families in our and other local schools since lockdown, have asked us to share the following appeal:

'The Christmas Toy appeal asks for parents to donate one brand new toy or game, to be handed into the school between now and the 10th December. Any type of gift will be welcomed, from arts and crafts through to board games, all we ask is that the value of each individual donation is no more than £15. Jedidiah will collect all the Secret Santa donations on the 10th December and take them to be individually gift wrapped. The wrapped presents will then be added to a special Christmas food hamper that Jedidiah will be distributing to those local families who are most in need on the 23rd December.'

We understand the short notice, but if anyone can provide a toy, then please put it in a bag and ask your child to hand it in at reception.

Thank you for your continued support and kind messages.

Kin regards
Matt Warren
Headteacher