



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School Award - Bronze

The school was delighted to recently achieve the Wellbeing Award and now we have received more good news having been informed by UNICEF UK that we have been awarded the Rights Respecting School's Bronze Award. I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff members involved.

Covid-19

Regrettably, we have been notified that a student in Year 9 has tested positive for COVID-19. The student has no siblings at The John Fisher School. Following Government guidelines, and from the advice we have been given, we are not asking for the whole of the Year 9 bubble to self-isolate at this time, just those students that have been identified as close contacts. **If your son has been identified as a close contact, he should not be sent into school next week** and should self-isolate from today up to and including Saturday 24th July 2021 (further information regarding self-isolating can be found [here](#).) All other Year 9 students should continue to attend school as normal, providing they have negative lateral flow tests, do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been requested to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case. We are also awaiting the PCR results from a number of other Year 9 students this weekend and so there is a possibility that more students in this year group could be asked to self-isolate in the coming days.

This positive case is a reminder to all of us that we must continue to be vigilant and continue to follow all of the safety measures that are in place to keep our community safe. All students are asked to take a lateral flow test on Sunday as per normal and for the result to be uploaded via the Test Register UK.

If your son displays any of the symptoms of COVID-19 please follow the [NHS guidance](#) and book a PCR test, inform your son's Key Stage Administrator, and keep your son at home whilst you await the result. Parents/Carers should email covidalert@johnfisherschool.org if your son has a positive PCR result. This email address should be used for no other reasons.

Next week, all students and staff members are being asked to wear a face covering in classroom environments as well as in communal areas. We have been fortunate to reach this point with so many students and staff members still in school in comparison to other providers. Even in normal years, this end-of-term period is always tough. Asking everyone to wear a face mask (apart from those medically exempt) will help prevent transmission and allow everyone to enjoy their well-earned holiday rather than have to potentially self-isolate at the beginning of the break and impacting on holiday plans such

as seeing family members and friends. The school has a supply of face masks if there are any students who require one.

The student who tested positive is thankfully well which is the most important thing and we would ask that you keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mufti Day

Thank you to all those who helped raise money for the 'Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital charity' and 'StopWatch' today. Students and their parents/carers can still contribute via ParentPay and the amount raised will be shared in next week's letter.

Mental Health support from Monday 26th July

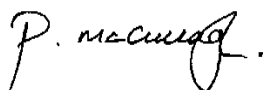
The school has been asked by the Sutton Safeguarding Team to share with you information about the mental health support available to students over the summer. A lot has happened over the pandemic and young people may be feeling different and having lots of thoughts and feelings they haven't had before. The best way to get help for your son is to contact your GP who can help point you to the most appropriate support. If you are not sure what to do there is a 24 hours crisis line on 0800 028 8000.

We know it can be difficult for young people to talk to someone, so there is an online service they can access directly by visiting <https://www.kooth.com/>. Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being service for children and young people aged 11-25 in South West London. It's anonymous and free at the point of use. The service has been put in place following feedback from young people that it is something they would find useful. Kooth is accessible through any connected device, young people can log on wherever they are to access professional counselling up until 10pm, 365 days a year.

If you or your son would prefer to talk to someone over the phone, then you can call the local NHS children and young people's crisis line on 0203 228 5980. When this line is closed there are clear and easy instructions for how to access alternative help. Our Safeguarding Lead has delivered an assembly on support over the summer to Year 9 students this week and will be speaking to the other year groups next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher