



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Coronavirus

Unfortunately, one of Year 12 students tested positive for the coronavirus this week which is our first positive case since 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with this student and his family at this anxious time. With the extension of the current restrictions until 19<sup>th</sup> July and the increase in the number of positive cases locally in both Primary and Secondary schools, we have decided to cancel the induction day for our new Year 7 students next week.

It is important to remind your son of the following:

- Ensure to wear a face mask when entering a building at school from a transition area
- Consider wearing a face mask during lessons
- Wear a face mask in corridors and communal areas
- Wear a face mask in shops and on public transport
- Continue to self-test and upload results twice per week using the link on TestRegister UK emails

If you are attending an appointment at the school please ensure that you are wearing a face mask and sanitise your hands before entering the building. Please remember that meetings are by appointment only, as part of our risk management measures.

The visit from the Archbishop on Tuesday next week is still scheduled to take place. Archbishop John Wilson will be blessing our new 'Wellbeing and Spiritual' Garden as part of our Founders Day celebrations.

A reminder that next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, is an INSET day when students will not be in school. Staff members will have visiting speakers on GDPR, PREVENT and the school's new Reading Strategy for 2021/2022.

The Outdoor Cinema event being organised by our Parent Teacher Association is still scheduled to take place and a separate poster has been emailed to you to inform you how you can purchase tickets for this event. Details have also been sent to you on how to thank a staff member as part of the 'National Thank A Teacher Day' taking place next Wednesday.

## Monitoring visit by the Local Authority – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We had a very positive monitoring visit from a representative of the Local Authority on Monday this week. The full report has been sent to you but here are a few of the written comments:

*"The curriculum is being further developed making sure reading is a priority and that a strategy is in place to improve reading throughout the school. A significant investment has been used to support this, including appointing a Librarian and the addition of many books. World Book Day was celebrated, and staff were heavily involved in its delivery."*

*“An alternative form of study supporting a specific group of students with emotional and academic needs took place during lockdown which had been very successful.”*

*“Enrichment days which ensured the wider curriculum was being strengthened have taken place to support students’ cultural capital and broaden their experiences.”*

*“Appropriate trained staff are available to support the wellbeing of the students. Staff have weekly catch ups to discuss students who may require support. Directors of Learning are kept informed to monitor potential students who are at risk. The school has invested heavily to support students in need. Outside agencies are used if needed such as an Educational Psychologist or Therapist.”*

*“Overall attendance is high at over 96% for the whole school. The attendance of the ‘Catherine’ group during lockdown was exemplary. Their alternative provision was mainly taught outside to mitigate the risk of infection.”*

*“The school has coordinated its provision for students even further by bringing together the expertise of their Safeguarding Leads and Directors of Learning to support the needs of specific students, when required. This allows the school to tackle concerns more quickly.”*

*“There was an amazing response by the school on the bereavement of a former student.”*

### **Plough Lane Refurbishment**

The John Fisher School is very proud of our sporting tradition and success. The pavilion at Plough Lane was first opened in 1996 and has been a fantastic facility for the school for over 25 years. We have welcomed many visiting schools, parents/carers and given our own students opportunities to participate in a range of sports. It is now in need of renovation to bring it back to the high standards we enjoyed for so long. We are now fundraising to re-design and replace the kitchen, replace the flooring and improve the changing rooms for students. With your generosity, we are aiming to have this work done over the summer holiday so that it is ready for every student to enjoy in September.

Please watch the video below for the students’ view on why this is so important:

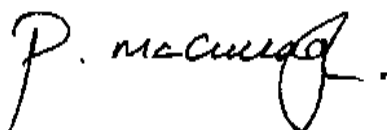
<https://youtu.be/HFQnL0V869o>

Donations can be made via the ‘JustGiving’ page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ploughlane?utm\\_term=r9Azgg42V](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ploughlane?utm_term=r9Azgg42V)

Enjoy this Father’s Day weekend and best wishes to all of you England football supporters!

Yours sincerely,



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