



HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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"It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the corner stone." Matthew 21: 42

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a strange week at Hagley and a real shame to have to send Year 11 home on Tuesday to face a week of quarantine and virtual home learning. Naturally nobody wanted this to happen but the national and local rise in cases has meant that it was inevitable, but it also reminded all of us about sticking to the control measures, in and out of school, at all times to try and avoid this happening.

I have been reassured by Public Health that our control measures are good but even so there can be no guarantee that this might not happen again. With that in mind it is really important that students make sure they have access to Microsoft Teams from home as this is our virtual learning platform for all lessons if a class or year group are forced to quarantine.

If you are concerned about your child's ability to access work from home via this platform, or any concerns about IT or broadband/Wi-Fi access then please do let us know so we can support you and your child in ensuring nobody misses out due to a quarantine. The MAC IT support Team are available to help at support@stnicholasowen-mac.org.uk

Please also be reminded that we do have a virtual learning policy that can be reviewed [here](#).

Academy Committee

We have three vacancies on our Academy Committee (Governing Body), two Foundation Representatives and one Parent Representative and are looking to welcome members of our school and parish communities to support us in the vital role of school governance.

This is a purely voluntary role and typically involves 6 meetings a year (one each half term) plus being linked to a department or area of school life for support, monitoring and evaluation.

Parent Representatives are not required to be practising Catholics but Foundation Representatives would be, and more details can be found about this here:

<http://cesew.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/governance/item/1003603-foundation-governor-recruitment>

We are keen to welcome members of the community who might have experience in any of the following areas; financial and business management, legal services and HR.

Interested parties can contact Stella Batson (Clerk to the AC) on clerk@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk for information and applications, or Mr James Hodgson (Principal) on jhodgson@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk for an informal conversation about the vacancies and the role.

Current members of our committee are:

Mrs E Yates (Chair) - St Ambrose Parish

Mr C Guy (Vice Chair) - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Old Hill

Mr G Taylor Smith - Our Lady and All Saints Parish

Mr T Tolkien - Our Lady and All Saints Parish Mrs

S Laskey - St Ambrose Parish

Mr M Hill (Parent representative)

Mrs S Palmer (Staff Representative)

Mrs C Kirk (Staff representative)

Travel and Face Coverings

The wearing of face coverings in school continues to be a very positive control measure for us to try and protect each other from the Coronavirus. However sadly too many students once on public transport are removing their face coverings and I have received a few complaints this week from members of the public about this and about students moving around the train rather than remaining in the carriage they embarked on. Please do speak with your sons/daughters about this and remind them to wear their face coverings at all times on the trains and buses.

Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (Meet the tutor)

Our first ever virtual Meet the Tutor Evening for Year 7 took place on Thursday. It was a fabulous first ever virtual parents evening and it was wonderful to hear how well Year 7 have settled in to life at Hagley, and how pleased our parents and carers were with the first few weeks their children had experienced in school.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who engaged so positively in this new venture and to the staff who led this for the first time. I hope we can do more in the months to come.

Eco Champions

I was delighted to discover this week that two of our students, Joseph and Mateo in Year 9, who last year had been instrumental in leading a Forestry England Fundraiser where we had all been encouraged to buy and plant new tree saplings. This week they were rewarded for their work on this campaign with Green Blue Peter badges and additional rewards from Forestry England. Well done to both boys on their work to help change our world for the better.

Open Morning

Tomorrow we will be holding Open Morning Tours and I am delighted that all 210 tours have been booked and we are looking forward to welcoming new families to explore the Hagley offer and experience. I am delighted that in these difficult times we have been able to find a way to operate an Open Morning and introduce parents/carers and future students to Hagley. Yesterday we also launched our Virtual Open Day presentation and this can be viewed on our You Tube channel [here](#).

Thank you, as always, for everyone's support and I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson

Principal

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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23rd October 2020 - Year 10 and 13 Autumn reports published Friday

23rd October 2020 - Break up for half term

Procedures in The Event of a Suspected or Actual Case of COVID-19

I am sure that many of us in trying to process all the information received about Coronavirus are at times uncertain about procedures and actions in the event of a suspected case. The guidance you can find [here](#) will certainly help but in a nutshell would remind you that the most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child presents any of these please do not send them into school and begin a period of 10 days in quarantine. Please contact attendance on 01562 883193 Option 1 or email attendance@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk by 8.30am to advise us and also make arrangements for a test to be carried out, which this [link](#) will advise you on.

If you have other family members who are students at Hagley they must also remain at home and begin a period of 14 days quarantine and you should advise us of this when you call or email. Students who are forced to quarantine will have their work shared with them via their Microsoft Team account or school email. In the event of a negative test and no other family members presenting symptoms your child can then return to school and you should again advise the Attendance Office of this.

