

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that I have written on several occasions this term to update families on the new arrangements that schools are expected to follow in relation to requests for holidays during term time. School has continued to receive requests for holidays, which I am unable to authorise. If a holiday is taken and it exceeds 10 register sessions (the equivalent of 5 days) then a fixed penalty notice must be issued. The penalty is issued to **both** parents. There have been incidents recorded across the country where parents inform school that their child is unwell in order to avoid making a request for a holiday. Pupils are very honest and have shared with schools, on their return from 'illness', that they have in fact been on holiday. If school finds this to be the case, then further advice will need to be sought.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a high priority in school. School records any Safeguarding concerns on a system called **CPOMS** (Child Protection Online Monitoring System). We work in partnership with other agencies to make sure that all children are safeguarded. One such partnership is with Cheshire Police. In the event of Police attending a Domestic Abuse incident, school receives an alert under '**Operation Encompass**'. I have attached a separate letter to share with you how this operates.

Online safety is also a priority for school. Whilst we are unable to manage pupil access and activity online outside of school, we do work closely with families to provide advice and guidance. Please find attached an e-safe newsletter that helps to support parents and carers with this.

Remembrance Day

The whole school gathered in the gym on Monday morning in order to take part in a Remembrance assembly, led by Mr Duncalf. At the end of the assembly school spent time observing a period of silence in order to remember those people who have lost their lives or been impacted by war. Pupils observed this silence impeccably. Thank you to those pupils who also purchased a poppy- all funds raised have gone directly to The Royal British Legion.

Residential funding decision

School received an e-mail from the local authority confirming that funding for residential provision will continue to August 2026. The future of funding beyond that will be reviewed, but school does not have any further information in relation to that. Many thanks those families who attended meetings with the local authority, organized and publicized the threat to funding and the impact that Residential provision has on their child. I would also like to thank all the Residential team- the experience has been an anxious one, but they have continued to place the child at the center of all they do.

My best wishes for a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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