



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Dear Parent/Carer

Vaccination and next half term

COVID VACCINATION

As a school we accommodated the School Nursing Team in the roll out of COVID vaccinations this half term. Unfortunately, they did not have the capacity to vaccinate all eligible pupils. We are still awaiting details of any catch-up day. We have received the following information from the DFE which we have been asked to share with families:

NHS England will soon be opening an additional offer for 12 to 15 year olds to get their COVID-19 vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. This offer will run in parallel to the in-school vaccination programme. Parents of children aged 12 to 15 will receive a letter from the NHS with more information on the vaccination programme shortly, including information about how to book an appointment out of school, if this option is preferred.

If your child did not get the chance to be vaccinated and you wish them to be, please book them in once the information is shared by the NHS.

FLU VACCINATION

All information with consent has been sent out with regards the flu vaccines. These will take place in School on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd November.

UNIFORM

As we move to the end of the first half term and into winter months it is important to empathise the importance in coming to school in the correct uniform. Please use half term to check that your child has all the correct uniform. You can find details of uniform requirements on the Sway document sent out at the start of the year.

Some of the common issues we are pupils not having a tie, wearing trainers and other inappropriate footwear to school and wearing hoodies. Your child's form tutor will be checking uniform as usual this week and if they see an issue with their uniform a note will be made in their planner. **If your child does not have a planner, they will need to purchase a new one from pupil reception at a cost of £2.**

Please ensure your child comes in appropriate footwear, this should be plain black shoes, not trainers. Ties can be purchased from main reception or pupil reception on either site. The only hoodies allowed in school are those worn as part of our Buddies programme. Other hoodies should be removed and placed in bags until the end of the school day.

As we move into winter it is important that pupils come to school in an appropriate winter coat that is both waterproof and will keep them warm. If they wish to wear a jumper under their blazer this must be a plain grey 'V' neck jumper. Pupils may also wear the McAuley fleece. This can be purchased online via the school website.



“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10

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LANYARDS

Last year we introduced the use of lanyards and catering cards to help identify students, Year Groups and avoid the need to use of the thumbprint. All students were given one of these for free.

If your child has lost it, it must be replaced at a cost of £2 for the Lanyard and £3 for the catering card. If they need a new one, please direct them to their Year Lead who will organise this for them. Students are expected to wear their lanyard every day, all day.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

As you will be aware, we have been having a major push on maximising attendance and insisting upon being on time to school and class. The amount of potential lost learning time is massive. We have been sharing the minutes lost as part of our regular reports on Attitude to Classroom Learning.

We ask that parents/carers take account of the extra traffic by setting off even five minutes earlier.

Attendance below 90% is regarded as persistent absence. We are, however, aware and do take account of COVID related absence.

The vast majority of our students are on time, attend well and wear their full uniform and lanyards every day. It is important that all students display their full commitment to our school by following our best standards.

We would like to thank you for all your support and wish you and all our children a restful half term.



John Rooney

Headteacher