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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus Update 43

A hearty “*Good afternoon*” to you and your family at the end of another busy week. As ever, I trust this update finds you in good health and spirits; if it doesn’t, please let us know if there’s anything we can do to help. And I trust your son or daughter has had a good week learning online! Again, if not, please let us know if we can help to improve the situation – it’s why we’re here.

Due to a number of self-isolations, St Margaret’s has been quite quiet this week, with only around 3% of our students attending school (slightly less than the Liverpool average of 4.2%). If your son or daughter is coming into school, please ensure they remember their headphones, and please check they are in full school uniform (including shoes). The usual pencil case items are also helpful; whilst most lessons are taking place online, there’s always the odd occasion when a pen is needed.

Exercise books

On the subject of stationery, we have received a small number of queries asking if we can supply any new exercise books for students who have now filled their current ones. Happily, we can: there is a small stock in the main school reception area which will be replenished on a regular basis. If your son needs a new book and you are passing by, please come and collect one during normal school hours (but please don’t make a journey just to collect a book). If your family is self-isolating and unable to come to school, please ring the school office for further advice.

Free School Meals


We are in the process of placing the order for Free School Meal vouchers with Edenred. Each family entitled to the vouchers will receive a £15 per child per week to cover the weeks beginning January 18th, January 25th, February 1st, and February 8th. We anticipate this week’s vouchers will be sent to parents’ registered e-mail addresses by the middle of next week. Please contact schooloffice@stmargaretsacademy.com if you have any questions or issues with the vouchers.

Calendar dates

I’m pleased to be able to confirm that our **Sixth Form Open Evening** will take place, virtually, on **Thursday 18th March**. Open Evenings are a great opportunity to find out more about what courses we have on offer, what the entry requirements are, and how to apply; we look forward to welcoming as many Year 11s as possible, and any Year 10s who’d like to get ahead of the game!

I’ll be in touch again as usual next Friday, when I expect to be able to share more about proposals for external exams in 2021 and possibly some further details about our evolving plans for 2021/2022. Until then, please accept my best wishes for a restful weekend. Stay safe!

Yours faithfully



Stephen Brierley
Principal.