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Dear Parent/Guardian

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### Year 6 Confirmation

I am very pleased to say that we were able to go ahead with the Confirmation of our Year 6 children on Wednesday of this week.

It was a lovely celebration with the children showing great reverence and maturity throughout. Bishop David, who conducted the celebration, was very impressed with their knowledge of their saints and the confident response of the children - well done and congratulations.

### Covid -19

Last week resulted in many of our children having to self-isolate due to a small number of children testing positive on Lateral Flow Tests. Like all schools, and having spoken with other headteachers in the Our Lady and All Saint MAC, these occurrences are increasing, not just here but also in the MAC, but also across the country and more and more class bubbles are having to self-isolate. We will always follow the guidance and work with Public Health England when there are positive cases in school but there are some things that we ask all parents to do.

- 1) If your child is unwell, do not send to school, self-isolate the whole family and carry out a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) with your child. These can be ordered, or collected, from chemists and medical centres. I also know that colleagues from Birmingham City Council have been distributing them at supermarkets.

### **IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE THEN DO NOT SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL AND BOOK IN FOR A PCR TEST.**

These can be booked on the NHS website or Gov.uk website. If this returns a negative result then the children can return to school.

Please be aware there have been some reports recently of other symptoms like sore throats, headaches, congestion or runny noses or vomiting that have been signs of Covid.

### **If unwell - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, CARRY OUT A LFT FIRST.**

- 2) Ensure the "hands, face, space, fresh air" message is acted on.
- 3) Face masks must be worn when on the school site, unless you have a medical exemption.
- 4) Keep at least 2 metres distance between other adults not in your family 'bubble'.

**On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Reception and Years 2, 3 and 5 can return to school and Year 1 can return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**





### **Values and Virtues**

We are continuing to be **faith-filled and hopeful**.

Congratulations to Harafa in 6G who is the winner of the certificate this week.

### **Behaviour Awards**

**Blue Badge:** Leona

**Pink Badge:** Kiera (6TW), Shayne

**Purple Badge:** Jehovani

### **STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK**

Nursery	Alliana
Year 4B	Divine
Year 4P	Kyron and Noah
Year 6G	Harafa
Year 6TW	Poppy
Music Award	Jehovani
Uniform Award	Kacey (4P)

**We are extremely proud of how hard all of our other children have been working at home - you are all stars!**

**Well done everyone!**

### **Maternity Leave**

Last week Miss Pate and Miss Barnes began their maternity leave.

Mrs Bishop is taking on the class teacher role for Year 4B and we welcome back Mrs Dobbins, after her maternity leave, who will be class teacher, with Miss Gripton for Year 1GP.

In fact, I'm delighted to tell you that Miss Barnes gave birth to a lovely baby girl this week, no name as yet, but both Mum and daughter are doing well. We look forward to seeing 'baby Barnes' before too long.

### **Prayers**

Please pray for the Soboyede family as they grieve the loss of Mrs. Soboyede.

Have a great weekend and fingers crossed for another England win on Saturday!

Yours sincerely,

**R Baker and staff**

