

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EMAIL – 18 November 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **MESSAGE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING COVID-19 NEW SELF-ISOLATION GUIDE:**

We're sharing this information on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council and the Local Resilience Forum who support the countywide response to coronavirus.

Did you know that only 20% of people in Hertfordshire self-isolate when they are asked to by a nursery, school, college, workplace, Test and Trace or a health professional? 1 in 4 of us admitted that we'd still pop to the shops even if we had been asked to self-isolate.

We know it's not easy and self-isolation can have a real impact on our lives, however if we're asked to do it, it's one of the most important things we can do to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

We've pulled together a guide which we hope simplifies some of the rules around self-isolation, the reason for the number of days you might be asked to self-isolate for (including as part of a school bubble), how to recognise symptoms of coronavirus and when to book a test.

Help is available to support you and your family should anyone from your household need to self-isolate, or if you've been affected by coronavirus in anyway – there is some information about the help available in the guide.

Thank you for continuing to play your part in the fight to reduce the impact of coronavirus in Hertfordshire, and for helping to keep our communities safe.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide.

- **SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS:** Attached is a letter regarding the Shakespeare Workshops that will be taking place during the week of 11-14 January 2021. Please note that consent and payment should be made on the **School Gateway by 2 December 2020**.
- **SCHOOL MILK – SPRING TERM 2021:** Attached is a letter regarding ordering milk for your child for the Spring Term 2021. Please note payment should be made on the **School Gateway by 4 December 2020**.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** If you would like to apply for Free School Meals please follow the link below to check your eligibility. As well as free school meals you may also be entitled to extra benefits for your child.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

- **OPEN EVENING:** In place of our Open Evening we will be producing an information video which will be available later this week on the school website. The updated prospectus will also be available on the school website.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER – 16 DECEMBER 2020:** Please see the letter sent in the Wednesday email dated 11.11.20 for details. You only need to book the Christmas meal if your child usually has a packed lunch on a Wednesday. As the cook needs numbers in advance please ensure you either pay on the School Gateway using the Christmas meal option or if you already have credit on your child's dinner money account then email the office to book the meal by **the deadline of Friday 27 November**. The cook needs to know if your child will be having the vegetarian option and should be notified of any food allergies by requesting a Herts Catering Ltd allergy form from the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk
- **SCHOOL MEAL MENU AMENDMENT:** The cook has made another permanent change to the Winter menu. Week 2 Wednesdays Green option will be jacket potato and baked beans which replaces the bean bolognaise.

REMINDERS:

- **JUNIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:** The Hertfordshire Admissions online application system opened on 2 November 2020 and the deadline for applications is 15 January 2021.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

For applications to St Cuthbert Mayne a Supplementary Information Form will also need to be completed. This is available on the school website and should be returned to the school with supporting documentation by 15 January 2021. There is an external letter box by the main entrance door to return paper copies or you can email the SIF/documents to admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/school-info/admissions/>

- **FLU IMMUNISATION:** Vaccination UK will be visiting St Cuthbert Mayne School for the second session on **Thursday 3 December 12.30pm-3.00pm**. The immunisation is only for pupils who have returned the correct Vaccination UK consent form (attached).

COMMUNITY:

DELIVERING SPECIAL PROVISION LOCALLY (DSPL): Attached is the latest communication to parents which includes courses and support funded by DSPL in our area.

Kind regards
St Cuthbert Mayne School Office