



St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Updates for this week:



Face Mask - Pupils

From 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and FE providers.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission.

Pupils who wish to continue to wear a face mask in school can do so.

The school transport link can be found below:

[Transport to schools and colleges: 2020 to 2021 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/transport-to-schools-and-colleges-2020-to-2021-academic-year)

It is the law that children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. PHE advises that children and young people aged 11 and over must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to [those who are exempt from wearing a face covering on public transport](#).

Therefore, pupils will still need to wear masks on the buses.

Contacting the Academy

If you need to contact the Academy please use the **contact form** on the Academy website. To report an absence telephone 01538 714740 and select Option1 to leave a message. If your child has an appointment or needs to be excused from a lesson please put a note in your child's planner to show their teacher.

Parent Pay

Please check your ParentPay account and if your child has a dinner debt please ensure that the balance is paid off by the 28th May. It is your responsibility to ensure your child has enough funds to cover the cost of their lunch, we only allow pupils to go into debt under exceptional circumstances and repayment is made on the same day. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact the Finance Office on 01538 714747.

Number Day

We raised a total of £227.50 for number day. Well done to everyone who took part.

£113.75 to NSPCC

£113.75 to numeracy-based playground activities

Staffordshire County Council Transport Consultation

Staffordshire County Council has been selected by the Department of Transport to design, develop and implement a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service in Staffordshire Moorlands over the next 3-4 years. This service will build on the existing Moorlands Connect service and will be integrated with local bus services, offering an app-based booking and scheduling system.

The service - which will commence in September 2021 - will integrate the Leek to Ashbourne, Buxton to Ashbourne and Buxton to Leek local bus service, providing opportunities for residents and visitors to access services and to enjoy the Staffordshire Peak District.

The service may offer an alternative transport option for pupils attending St Edward's Academy who are not entitled to free transport. This transport option could be of particular benefit to pupils attending before or after school clubs.

Staffordshire County Council has set up a survey regarding the proposal which can be found at <https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/>. Due to the time constraints with this project, the deadline for submitting feedback is Friday 14th May 2021.

Full details of this project - including a map of the proposed area to be covered - can be found on the Staffordshire County Council website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Transport/transportplanning/Funding-bids/Staffordshire-Moorlands-Demand-Responsive-Transport-DRT.aspx>

Homework:

Homework is now set on Teams not Go4Schools. Please make sure your child checks for assignments set by their teacher.

Year 7 and 8 Pupils: Reporting Lateral Flow Test Results:

Please can parents/carers remember to send in your home testing results to the link below and not the Academy contact form. This form below has been set up specifically to collate this information:

[Year 7 and 8 Lateral Flow Home Testing Result Form](#)

Home Testing Information Year 7 & Year 8

A detailed letter with further guidance on this has been sent out to Year 7 and 8 parents/carers. Information on this has also been posted on the Academy website. A Video and links with further information can be found below.

[How to do a Covid self-test video](#)

[Informing the Academy of your result](#)

[Informing the NHS of your result](#)

[Testing at Home Y7 & Y8 Letter](#)

[Privacy Notice for Staff/Pupils Testing at Home](#)



New guidance from the Government informs us that from now on, if a positive result is recorded for a lateral flow test. Then a confirmatory PCR test must be arranged either using the online facility or by calling 119. If the PCR test result returns negative the pupil/s will be able to return to the Academy. We politely request that you make us aware of all of these results and we will continue support you and your children during this process.

Stakeholder engagement:

The views and queries of you as parents and carers matter to us at the Academy and help us to rethink and reshape in order to improve our practice and provision.

For this reason, parents and carers have the opportunity to submit questions or queries via the form (link below). The Principal will then provide a recorded video message of responses to these queries that will be shared with parents and carers as we are still unable to conduct face to face meetings.

If questions/queries are such that a response would identify an individual such cases will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

[Parent and Carer: Stakeholder Question Form](#)

Mobile Phones:

We are happy for pupils to have their mobile phones with them as they are a piece of equipment that keeps them safe on the journey to and from school. However, we do not allow phones to be used in school and will be reminding pupils about this. If phones are seen in school, they may be confiscated and held in the Academy office until they can be collected by a parent/carer. Evidently, we wish to avoid this situation to reduce the risk of transmission through unnecessary visits to the Academy office.

To avoid this please can parents/carers reinforce that mobile phones are not to be seen or used in school.

PE kit

Pupils will need to come in their PE kit on the following days:

Year 5	5Ed / 5EI / 5Is	Monday and Friday	5Ne/5FI/5Ni	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	6Ed/6EI/6Is	Wednesday and Thursday	6Ne/6FI/6Ni	Monday and Friday
Year 7	7Ed/7EI/7Is	Monday and Friday	7Ne/7FI/7Ni	Thursday and Friday
Year 8	8Ed/8EI/8Is	Wednesday and Thursday	8Ne/8/FI/8Ni	Tuesday and Friday

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible at school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Hutchinson
Principal