



11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

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### **Headteacher appointment**

I hope that you have seen the letter from Neil Willey, Chair of Governors, regarding the Headteacher appointment. I am delighted that Louise Blundell will be succeeding me in this very privileged role and I know that she will be a wonderful Headteacher for Gordano and your community. I will be working closely with her to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible over the coming months.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

This week has seen lots going on in school for Children's Mental Health Week, including assemblies and "Off the Record" lunchtime pop-up stalls. A big thank you to Mrs Moss in particular for organising this and promoting further avenues of support for our students.

Don't forget that kooth.com is also a valuable resource in supporting the well-being and mental health of our young people. If parents and carers would like to know more about the organisation and the support it can offer, please follow the link to book a place on the webinar on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 4.30pm to 5.30pm.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-for-parent-carers-sw-tickets-261803741037?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

[Please note, where hyperlinks go over more than one line, you may need to copy and paste the full link into your browser]

### **Vigilance required**

We have received a report recently that a member of the public was visited by someone falsely claiming to be an Education Welfare Officer working for North Somerset Council.

Please note that all North Somerset Staff will have a North Somerset ID badge which has their photo and title on the badge. If in any doubt about the authenticity of a caller claiming

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to be from North Somerset Council Education Welfare Service (or any other educational service) then we recommend that you do not let them enter your home, and contact the school and/ or the police immediately.

### **Early Closure Dates**

I am sorry that we did not more clearly remind parents of yesterday's early closure due to the Year 11 Progress Evening. The remaining dates this year when school will finish at 3pm are:

- 3 March - Year 13 Progress Evening
- 17 March - Year 8 Progress Evening
- 7 April - Year 9 Progress Evening
- 5 May - Year 12 Progress Evening
- 19 May - Year 10 Progress Evening

### **Covid update**

We have seen Covid numbers settle a little this week, but they remain high, especially in Years 7 and 8. We are asking students in those years to LFT every day until further notice and to wear face coverings in communal areas.

We are also experiencing a number of students asking to take a test in school because they have not taken one at home. Please ensure that your child(ren) take a test twice a week (unless asked to test daily) and to ensure that the result is known before setting off for school.

Thank you for your continued efforts on this so that disruption to education can be kept to a minimum. This has enabled our attendance rate to remain higher than the national average at almost all points during the year to date.

### **Consent form for in-school Covid vaccinations - Tuesday 1st March**

Please see the attached letter from the School Immunisation Team regarding the second round of in-school Covid vaccinations. If you wish your child to receive a vaccination please complete the consent form (using the link supplied) by the end of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

With best wishes, as ever.



Tom Inman  
Headteacher