



**St Cuthbert's
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Dear parents and carers

At the end of a very busy first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in helping us ensure that our young people have enjoyed a full school learning experience, amidst the continuing national COVID situation.

We are very proud of our students and the high standards of school. With the cold weather now setting in, a timely reminder of our school uniform expectations, as published on our website: <https://www.stcuthberts.com/school-life/rules-and-expectations/uniform-and-equipment/>. This includes black top coats only and black polishable shoes. Hoodies are not allowed. *A note for Y7 and Y11 students – our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 2nd November taking individual portraits.*

Please see below important information from St Helens Council for your attention:

General Council Updates

Covid testing – Sickness and Stomach upsets:

There have been a number of reported instances recently where children have experienced symptoms of sickness, vomiting and diarrhoea having tested positive for Covid-19. Although these are not common Covid linked symptoms they are known to occur in some cases. In the instance of their child showing these symptoms parents should look to book a PCR test for their child. Even if the child should test negative for Covid with these symptoms, the parent should also ensure the child stays off school for at least two days AFTER the sickness, vomiting and diarrhoea symptoms have ended.

Covid vaccinations: 12 – 15 year olds

Booking appointments are now available for pupils aged between 12 and 15 to receive their first Covid vaccination. This can be done through logging onto the NHS National Booking System via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Vaccination appointments in the borough will be available from this Saturday onwards (October 23rd) through to Wednesday October 27th and then resuming again from Sunday October 27th. The booking system will allow pupils to book a one dose appointment at the Mass Vaccination Site operating at the Totally Wicked Stadium in St Helens.

Please note that currently vaccination appointments can only be booked through the National Booking Service. No walk-in appointments will be available at this time.

We return to school on Monday 1st November at 8:30am; and we wish all our students and their families a restful half-term break.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

