

## Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 5 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information plus details of any letter sent home during the last week.

### Safeguarding Alert

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF CAROLANN JAMES, INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,  
CHILDREN'S SUPPORT AND SAFEGUARDING

We have only today been made aware of an incident, which occurred on Monday 22 February, which I feel I need to share with you. On Monday 22 February a child, who attends a Portishead School was approached by two men in a black car who stopped and asked them to get in. Thankfully they did not do so and alerted their parents who then contacted the police and the school. Since this time another parent has also reported suspicious behaviour by a male around a local park (which may or may not be related).

It is possible that you will already have received this information, however, I thought it important that you were made aware of it in case you had not, so that you can share where appropriate, perhaps advising parents. If you are aware of any other concerning activity in the local area please can you report to 101.

### HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted students will begin to return next week and we have been doing our best to communicate all the arrangements to students and parents/carers this week. Here is a summary of the letters shared:

[Year 7 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 8 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 9 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 10 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 11 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 12 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

[Year 13 Letter to Parents/Carers - return to school](#)

We have shared some videos with students last week and this week to help them understand the return to school along with a reminder of the importance of individual responsibility and our safety precautions.

The first video explains how testing will be run in school. <https://youtu.be/TY9C3HVdaPQ>

The second video explains how to complete tests at home and report the results. <https://youtu.be/6dQHkHkN8wE>

Should you have any questions please contact [school@skdrive.org](mailto:school@skdrive.org)

It was great to see some great characters on screen yesterday as part of our World Book Day celebrations which certainly added a new dimension to online learning and calls.

Year 11 and Year 13

Following the Ofqual announcement, we are finalising details including a clear timeline for Year 11 and Year 13 students and will share this with students and parents/carers next week. We will take time to talk with students to reassure them of this year's process to give each individual the best chance of success. In the meantime all students should continue to work hard across all their subjects.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Wednesday where I shared [outline proposals for changes to the school day for September 2021](#). The link to the recording is [here](#). Full consultation papers will be circulated shortly with a final decision to be made this term.

We are here to support all our young people with their learning at all times and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further support in any of the adjustments we are making. Please refer to the 'Who to contact at St Katherine's' table below. We are always keen to hear your feedback and please share this using this [form](#).

Best wishes

Justin Humphreys  
**Headteacher**

## WHO TO CONTACT AT ST KATHERINE'S

For queries about:	Name	Contact:
Safeguarding	Mrs K Crocker	<a href="mailto:crockerk@skdrive.org">crockerk@skdrive.org</a>
Courses, assignments or resources		Subject Teachers
Access to online library resources	Ms Wyld	<a href="mailto:wylidl@skdrive.org">wylidl@skdrive.org</a>
Technology related	Mr A Francis-Black	<a href="mailto:francisblacka@skdrive.org">francisblacka@skdrive.org</a>
SEND	Mrs F Slater	<a href="mailto:slaterf@skdrive.org">slaterf@skdrive.org</a>
Curriculum	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Learning@Home resources	Miss K Richards	<a href="mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org">richardsk@skdrive.org</a>
Personal well being		Tutor or Head of House
General queries		<a href="mailto:school@skdrive.org">school@skdrive.org</a>
Free School Meals		<a href="mailto:kilgallond@skdrive.org">kilgallond@skdrive.org</a>
Reading logs	Immalee Wild	<a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Sixth Form	Geraint Davies	<a href="mailto:daviesg@skdrive.org">daviesg@skdrive.org</a>
Anonymous way to report a concern about a student: <a href="#">Tell Someone Form</a>		

## MESSAGES

Mr Francis Black	All years	During this latest period of Learning@Home we have loaned over 200 Chromebooks to support students in accessing work. With all students returning to Learning@School from 15 March we now need to redeploy these devices to enable us to effectively deliver in year group bubbles in school. <b>If your child has borrowed a school Chromebook please ensure that it is returned to the Student Support Office on Monday 15 March and that a receipt for its return is collected.</b>
Mr Francis Black	All years	<p>All normal school transport will resume from 8 March including St Katherine's services, North Somerset services the X4S with First Bus. Additional St Katherine's services will run on 11 and 12 March for students arriving in school at 12 pm. Please be reminded of the three rules that must be followed on all services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a face covering at all times while on the bus.</li> <li>• Sit only in your allocated seat as shown on your bus pass.</li> <li>• Remain seated and wear a seat belt at all times</li> </ul>

		<p>On arrival in school students should only disembark the bus when instructed to do so by a member of staff.            Bus timetables can be viewed via our <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
Miss Adams	All years	<p>Students who have instrumental lessons in school; these lessons will resume in school from the <b>week beginning 15 March</b>. Until that point all lessons will remain virtual. From 15 March we will revert to the model used in Terms 1 and 2 with all lessons being taught face to face except woodwind and brass which will remain virtual with the student accessing the lesson through the laptop in room 25. Please send students to school with their instrument and music on their lesson day. Any questions please contact Miss Adams (<a href="mailto:adamsa@skdrive.org">adamsa@skdrive.org</a>)</p>
Finance	All years	<p>Please continue to direct all finance queries to the email box <a href="mailto:finance@skdrive.org">finance@skdrive.org</a>. The Finance Team will continue to work part of the time from home, so please leave any answer phone messages via main reception rather than the 'Option 3' finance answer phone.            Please can I ask that all lunch accounts are topped up where necessary and parents set 'low balance alerts' to monitor their child's lunch account.</p>
Mrs Ivey	All years	<p><b>British science week starts today. At St Katherine's we have decided to celebrate STEM throughout March.</b> Next week there will be STEM themed lessons in several subjects. In science KS3 students will be reading non fiction science articles in class and some Year 7 and 8 students will be watching a 'get into the space industry' careers event. There will also be extracurricular opportunities throughout March which will be advertised via the St Katherine's festival of STEM google classroom.</p>
Mrs Slater	All years	<p>Here are a few words from Stephen Fry about a really simple and effective way to improve our children's reading skills - just <b>turn on the subtitles</b>:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-zISnJ-oao">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-zISnJ-oao</a>            Help spread the word please.</p>

**LETTERS - click [here](#) to see all letters from this academic year**

All years	Return to school letters for each Year group
Year 13 and Year 11	Asymptomatic testing

**UPCOMING EVENTS - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events**

<p><b>Screen Free Days</b>            Tuesday 16 March            Thursday 25 March</p>	<p><b>Buses leave at earlier time of 2.00pm</b></p>
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