



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that everyone in your household is safe and well. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. As the clocks change this weekend, I would be grateful if you could remind your child of the importance of going straight home after school and to take extra care when using mobile phones and other devices. Using devices while walking can not only be distracting but on darker evenings the light of the screen also draws attention to the device being used. The local police team have advised that young people should take extra care as the days draw in.

## Regular Testing & Vaccination

I would continue to ask for your support to ensure that your child is taking a lateral flow test twice a week. Please ensure that your child takes a lateral flow test **before** returning to school on Monday.

You may have received a communication from the NHS in recent days regarding the vaccination programme. The availability of the vaccine has been extended into more community programmes. Details are available on the school website:

[www.bluecoatacademy.org/news/important-update-for-parents-carers--26th-october-2021](http://www.bluecoatacademy.org/news/important-update-for-parents-carers--26th-october-2021)

Further information on vaccinations can also be found on a dedicated webpage:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/covid-19-vaccinations>

## Training Days & Dates

As advised previously, we need to make a slight amendment to our dates for the current academic year to accommodate an additional Bank Holiday which has been announced to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have decided to take this day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 in addition to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 which had already been allocated as a staff training day.

## P.E. Uniform

We have recently taken delivery of additional stock of the P.E. uniform. Like many suppliers there have been some delays with delivery. All items of P.E. uniform can be ordered via the school website:

[www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments](http://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments)

In line with many other items, we have been advised that prices for the P.E. uniform will increase in the new year. We will continue to offer items at cost price but please be aware that some price rises will come into effect in January 2022.

Yours faithfully

D. Smith  
Principal

