

July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank all parents, carers and wider family members and their friends for supporting our young people through this year. Last year I spoke about resilience and how we had all worked through difficult times. Indeed again we find ourselves facing adversity, turmoil, sadness and loss, but as a community we have been strong, determined and sought to be kind and supportive of others.

Thank you to all staff who have worked tirelessly with students this year and I know will continue to do so in the future. Thank you to our external providers who have been creative with their time and expertise in engaging young people and helping them find their voice and inspiring them to do things differently:

- iSpace
- iSpace - Community Ambassadors
- School Nursing
- Spectrum
- Turning Point
- Luke's Lads
- Butterflies
- Bike ability
- Boxing group
- St Swithuns
- CAMHs - Child and Adolescent Mental Health

These are just a few of the teams that support this school and its young people.

Please read our final newsletter which highlights some of the recent work and celebrations we have enjoyed.

I cannot stress how much we have spoken to students about being safe during the holidays and how they can protect themselves and others. So can I re-emphasise safety always comes first:

- Don't access open water unsupervised by professionals, go swimming at properly-supervised sites
- Be extremely careful near BBQs in this current climate
- Follow the five Ss of sun safety
- Think carefully who they are going out with and know the strengths and weaknesses in the group
- Always share where they are going and have a plan
- Be careful online, think about who they are talking to, think carefully about what they are sharing

Have a happy and safe half term.

Yours faithfully



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**Principal**

