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Dear Parents

Mr Michael Murray RIP

Very sadly, I write to inform you that Mr Michael Murray, parent of Ethan in Year 1, died overnight on Thursday 20th May.

Many of you will know how bravely he fought a recent cancer diagnosis. Our sadness at his death, is nothing compared to the dreadful loss for his wife Jade and children Ethan and Lana.

We extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. May Mr Murray rest in peace.

Mrs Morgan

Mrs Morgan sends her best wishes to everyone. She is very grateful for cards, messages and gifts received from parents.

She is battling on with chemotherapy each week.

We keep Mrs Morgan in our prayers.

Half Term - From tomorrow (28th May 2021) onwards - Track and Trace

Schools will continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff over half term.

Where pupils or staff attending the school test positive for Covid 19 during the half term holiday, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (that is after 3pm on Sunday 30th May 2021) school will not be required to take any action. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions as provided by NHS.

However, where pupils attending the school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is before 3pm on Sunday 30th May 2021), the school is involved as usual in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation.

So please continue to use the confirmed Covid test address at

confirmedcovidcase@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk to advise us of tests taken and results received. This is crucial in keeping everyone safe. Thank you.

Don't Give Up Now

IN LIGHT OF THE LATEST CONCERNS REGARDING THE NEW VARIANT, IT IS ONLY SENSIBLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE CAUTIOUS WAYS OF WORKING, TO TRY AND MINIMISE INCREASED SPREAD.

Staffordshire County Council have launched a "Don't Give Up Now" campaign. We are all asked to keep following the guidelines, get tested twice a week and to book a vaccination when we're offered one.

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TAKE A TEST AS A RESULT OF COVID SYMPTOMS, WHICH ARE:

- A HIGH TEMPERATURE (FEVER) - HOT TO TOUCH
- A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
- A CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE AND STAY AT HOME, AS A HOUSEHOLD, UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS.

PLEASE NOTIFY SCHOOL (USING THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW) OF YOUR RESULTS, EITHER WAY, TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OTHERS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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Thank you to all these parents who have continued to inform and communicate with us via this e-mail.

KEY INFECTION AND PREVENTION CONTROLS REMAIN IN PLACE as published in the "daily plan". By following these measures we all reduce risks in our setting and create a safer environment.

We **MUST** always:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
3. Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
5. Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents.
6. Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
8. Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
9. Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.
10. Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
11. Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
12. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Tempest Photography Individual Photographs - Friday 11th June 2021

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 11th June 2021, to take the individual photographs for school and pre-school.

Unfortunately, due to current guidelines, they will not be able to take any sibling, family or friendship group photographs. Thank you.

DEFERRED INSET DAY

The school cancelled the Inset day which was to be taken on 29th January 2021 in order to stay open for key worker and vulnerable children.

In line with government guidance, I have consulted with the chair of governors and have identified when this day will now be taken.

This teacher training day will now be taken on Wednesday 21st July 2021. The final day for pupils will therefore be Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Collection at end of day

All parents and carers are reminded - wait patiently as children are dismissed. We can only send one child at a time, while the teacher records the adult collecting.

Please be clear that this is to satisfy safeguarding requirements and to ensure ALL children go home safely. Thank you

Message from Mrs McAusland (year 3's ukelele teacher)

I just wanted to let you know about FREE music workshops led by Entrust staff (including me) that some of you may wish to attend in July. Rehearsals will then be fortnightly Saturday mornings from September.

We are able to open the Tamworth Music Centre groups again soon and we are starting with a couple of workshops in July. These are FREE of charge to pupils and there will be a Ukulele Ensemble on Saturday 10th July taking place at Landau Forte - QEMS Sixth Form. Any Year 3's who are enjoying playing their instruments (or anybody else) would be welcome to attend. There is also a Training String Orchestra, Training Wind Band and a Junior Choir which might appeal to students in other year groups too.



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THE MUSIC PARTNERSHIP

*If you love your Ukulele,
come and join us*

**Tamworth
Ukulele Orchestra**

Introductory workshop: 10th July 2021
Landau Forte – QEMS Sixth Form

Everybody welcome
FREE OF CHARGE!

To register interest and for more details contact:
Tamworth Music Centre Manager, Alison McAusland
alison.mcausland@entrust-ed.co.uk

It would help to inform our planning if you could email me alison.mcausland@entrust-ed.co.uk to confirm attendance and which ensemble(s) you wish to join. Thanks, Mrs McAusland

Mrs Taggart adds: If you'd like any further information about Tamworth Music Centre activities, please feel free to ask me for more details, although, please note, I will not be attending the workshops and there will be no St Gabriel's staff there. The workshop is totally optional and it will your own family decision as to whether or not your child attends.

The Big Ask - Get your child's voice heard and make a difference - NOTE final day to complete the survey is Friday 28th May (tomorrow)

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them. At its heart is 'The Big Ask' - the largest ever consultation held with children.



In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children's Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives.

Taking part in the survey is optional and children do not need to answer the questions if they don't want to.

Children in Years 2 - 6 can complete the survey via

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

For younger children in years R and 1 (aged 4-5) there is [a survey which they can complete with their parent](#). It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard. [Find out more and take part](#)

Message from the Kitchen

The school lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 7th June 2021 is as follows:

Monday:	Pizza and Pasta Salad
Tuesday:	Sausage, Mash, Peas and Gravy
Wednesday:	Roast Dinner
Thursday:	Beef Bolognese, Pasta and Garlic Bread
Friday:	Fish Fingers and Chips

The Heart of Tamworth Community Shop as seen at www.tamworthrc.church

Visit the HOT COMMUNITY SHOP based at sacred heart church for your shopping. They are there to give a helping hand to those who need it.

1 bag of shopping = £4

2 bags of shopping = £7

A selection of fruit and veg is available free when you buy your bag.

Opening times: Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm, Sunday - closed. Thank you to all those who continue to donate food and hygiene items.

Citizens Advice Mid Mercia - EU Settlement Scheme

Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia are working alongside the Government in order to reach out to all of the families in Tamworth and East Staffordshire to support them with their EU Settled Status. The Government has recognised that not all families are aware that they need to ensure they have been granted settled or pre-settled status by the end of June 2021.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 28 th May 2021	School closes for half term
Mon 7 th June 2021	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Fri 11 th June 2021	Tempest Photography in school for individual photos
Fri 18 th June 2021	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Sat 19 th June 2021 to	Parish Mission - The theme will be "My Light and My Hope"
Sun 27 th June 2021	Please keep the dates in your diary. Themed events, retreat days, Interesting activities all at the Sacred Heart and run by Sion
Thurs 1 st July 2021	Sacrament of Confirmation - Mr Fowler's class bubble 7.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fri 2 nd July 2021	Sacrament of Confirmation - Mrs Taggart's class bubble 7.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Tues 20 th July 2021	Last day for pupils
Weds 21 st July 2021	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Have a happy and safe half term period.

God our Father,

You sent your word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.

Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.

Help us to worship you, one God in three persons,

by proclaiming and living our faith in you.

Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher