

St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

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SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER

We wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.

Measles

You may be aware that nationally there has been a significant increase in the number of cases of measles, we have been asked by our local public health team to share the following information:

Measles is a high infectious viral infection which is transmitted via airborne, droplet or direct contact with nasal or throat secretions. Spending 15 minutes or more in direct contact with an individual with measles is enough to catch the infection. People whose immunity is compromised, pregnant women and unvaccinated children are at an increased risk of severe disease.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

- runny nose
- cough
- conjunctivitis or sore, red and watery eyes
- high fever
- small white spots inside the cheeks.
- At around day 3 of the illness a flat red rash or brown blotches are likely to appear on the face, behind the ears and spreading over the body.

Please note that symptoms may present differently dependent on the skin tone. If concerned, refer to a clinician and follow appropriate and proportionate measures in the meantime.

Anyone with symptoms that could be measles are advised to stay home and ring their GP or NHS 111 for advice. It is important individual with measles symptoms to not visit the GP practice or A&E unless advised by a medical professional.

For more information about measles please visit the [nhs.uk website](https://www.nhs.uk) or [What do I need to know about the MMR vaccine? - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk)

Diary Dates

Friday 21st July - 12:25pm
School closes for Summer

Tuesday 5th September
Year 7 return to school

Wednesday 6th September
Yr 8,9,10 & 11 return to school

Thursday 14th September
Yr 7 & 9 School Photos

Friday 29th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th October
Flu Vaccinations
Open Evening

Friday 6th October
Mizens Visit Yr 10 & 11
Flu Vaccinations
Open Morning

Thursday 12th October
WMIM Parents Coffee morning
8:15am - 9:15am
Yr 7 Surgery

Thursday 19th October
Yr 7 Mass of Welcome

Monday 23rd October
School closed for Half Term

Reports – Yr8, 9 & 10

Reports were issued via Go 4 School for Yrs 8, 9 and 10 earlier this week. If you have not already viewed them please can you access Go 4 Schools to read your child's school report.

School Meals – Meal Deal Increase

Currently a meal deal in school costs £2.40 per day, this price has remained static for over 5 years. Unfortunately from the 1st September 2023 due to the rise in cost of living we are having to increase the cost of a Meal Deal to £2.60, the Free School Meal allowance will also be increased in line with this.

GCSE Results Day

Results will be released to students on Thursday 24th August, students are able to collect results from the school site between 8:30am - 12noon. If you are unable to collect your results face to face please email vtaylor@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk to nominate an email address for these to be sent to.

Safeguarding

As the holidays approach, we would like to direct you towards some resources to support parents, carers and young people should you have any concerns during the summer holidays. Please find a list of resources below that may be of use to you. If you are concerned a child is at risk of harm, please contact Children's Services on 01724 296500 or contact the police.

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/>

[Not In Our Community – Protection against exploitation](#)

[Life Central – North Lincolnshire \(life-central.org\)](#)

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover. Help us be here for children. Please donate now.

www.nspcc.org.uk

[CEOP Safety Centre](#)

[CMARS | Children's resilience and safeguarding board \(northlincscmars.co.uk\)](#)

Careers Survey

Please find the link to our annual parent survey for careers <https://forms.office.com/e/HcUhbhPNKn> It is important for us to gather your views on the careers provision we offer our students so that we can be responsive to the needs of our community. The survey should take no longer than a few minutes. Thank you for all of your support this year - Ms Taylor

Contingency Day

Next year's Contingency day for GCSE exams has been released – Wednesday 26th June 2024. This will be followed up with formal communication in the coming school year. Ms Taylor

Educational Visits - Parental Consent

As per updated guidance, written consent from parents is not required for the majority of Educational Visits organised by school that are within school hours and are a normal part of a child's education at St Bede's. Parents will be informed of the Educational Visits in advance and you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your child from any particular visit or activity. Please ensure that you keep your contact details and child's medical details up to date with the school.

Term dates 2024-25

The following term dates have been agreed for 2024-25. Please note the dates below are for students.

Advent 1: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October

Advent 2: Monday 28th October – Thursday 19th December

Lent 1: Tuesday 7th January – Thursday 13th February

Lent 2: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Pentecost 1: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Pentecost 2: Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July

May Day: Monday 5th May

FREE holiday clubs across the summer holidays at **The Plowright theatre in Scunthorpe**. The clubs are eligible for the following students:

- Children in care
- Children with an EHCP plan
- Children eligible for free school meals.
- 12-16 years

The dates are as follows between 11am & 3pm:

- August 1st
- August 3rd
- August 8th
- August 10th
- August 15th
- August 17th
- August 22nd
- August 24th

Lunch is provided and students will experience Dj skills, Beatboxing, creative arts and street dance.

Parents/guardians have to register via this link > <https://fuelled.northlincs.gov.uk/registration>