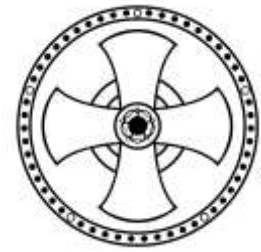




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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you're well. At the end of the first week I thought you'd appreciate a letter just to give you the latest information on what life is like in school and also use this as an opportunity to update you on some key areas.

At the moment, we've got 11 children away from school with Covid. Every year group has been impacted on apart from Year 5. We're working hard to ensure these children are supported with their learning at home and also are using external cleaners in school to help keep things safe here. This week we've also seen two teaching absences; one due to Covid and another unrelated. We've used supply to cover in Year 3 and have supported our very able Student Teacher in Year 1 with Mrs. McAteer. I'll keep you updated with how these absences progress – although we are expecting both colleagues to return very soon.

You'll be aware that our sports provision is returning to the pre Covid levels that we all want. Our Sports Leader, Mrs Golawska, has been in contact with many of you regarding fixtures, lessons and organising teams. Such has been the weight of this correspondence that she has requested an email address specifically to be used for sport. Therefore, rather than correspond via the school office, should you wish to contact Mrs. Golawska directly, please use the e-mail address below. In an interest to protect everyone's life and work balance, please refrain from emailing before 7am, after 7pm and at the weekends, please.

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Today also saw our final formal Open Event of this academic year for parents of children wishing to begin with us in Reception in September 2022. These evenings and afternoons began back in October and have provided a chance for prospective parents to see what Our Lady's is all about. They've been very popular, with standing room only not uncommon. I'd like to thank all of you for your support with the marketing of our school to new parents. I know that some of you have recommended us to family and friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners. This makes such an impact on the numbers that come through the doors to meet us and see if we're 'a fit' for their family and children. Of course, I'm extremely fortunate in being able to show families round at the drop of a hat, knowing that behaviour and attitudes of the children here are superbly positive and they'll see our calm and conscientious atmosphere. Governors also play an important aspect in these occasions and I'd like to publicly thank them (volunteers, every single one!) for their support with the open events that we've held. I greatly enjoy my work with the Governors and together, we look forward to more work across 2022 building our school and provision to be the best it can be for your children. Should Governorship be something that you'd like to know more about, or you're interested in joining this energetic, friendly and vitally important group, please look at the details below. It'd be great to chat with you and explore the opportunities that Governorship brings.

Have a superb weekend and I'll see you 'on the gate' on Monday..

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## **Future Governors' Fair**

**Monday 17th January 2022, 6.30-7.30pm, Newman College (top gate), The Upper Drive, Hove**

Have you ever considered serving your local parish community by becoming a School Governor? It's an incredibly fulfilling role, having an impact on future generations as you give back, but how can you know whether it's right for you?

The Diocese will be leading a short, informal event for anyone in the city who is interested in finding out more about governance. Come and join us for a short talk and the opportunity to meet and speak to current governors and priests from across the Deanery of Brighton & Hove, over a glass of wine/soft drink. That way you can find out what it really involves and whether it might be something you'd be interested in, now or in future months or years.

Feel free to turn up and find out more.

Yours sincerely

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