

# It's great to be back...






## Finding our new 'normal'...




First of all, it has been great to welcome each and every one of our pupils back to school and become established in our classroom routines. We hope that pupils are now feeling settled and enjoying being back at school.

Some pupils have found the return back to school easier than others, please do not worry, the staff team are here to work with you and support you and your child's needs. We understand that it is difficult getting back to routine, the priority is that all of our pupils attend school on a daily basis so that we can help you become more established!

# Curriculum Updates:

Curriculum Information	
<p><b>Talking to your child about relationships:</b></p> 	<p>During a recent lesson on relationships and the importance of mutual consent, it was discovered that many pupils only had a basic understanding of intimacy matters and developmental changes during puberty. To support in the matter, we have made contact with the school nurse who will be delivering guidance to pupils next half term. If you would like support in speaking to your child about sex and relationships, please contact Miss Marshall (RSHE lead) in the first instance or seek advice via the following website: <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/</a></p>
<p><b>CSE: Online Grooming</b></p> 	<p>A recent article published in the Hull Daily Mail identified that there has been a recent 'spike' in reported cases of online grooming in the Hull and East Yorkshire area. Please be vigilant when monitoring your child's online usage and ensure that your child only contacts people whom they are familiar with. <a href="https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/child-sexual-exploitation-cases-spike-6067494">https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/child-sexual-exploitation-cases-spike-6067494</a></p>
<p><b>Healthy Living:</b></p> 	<p>As part of the Academy's continued drive in promoting healthy living and healthy lifestyles, the school has signed up to the 'Hull Sports' events partnership to establish opportunities for our pupils to participate in both competitive and non competitive events.  Our first event, 'The Rainbow Run' took place at Beverley Racecourse, this was a wonderful event in which all pupils participated with great pride and demonstrated the skill of true sportsmanship when cheering on other participants!</p>

# Health and safety awareness:

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<p><b>Safety First:</b></p> 	<p>As Autumn sets in, it's great for our pupils to participate in exciting events such as Halloween and Bonfire Night.</p> <p>However, please be mindful that such events also carry risks. Please remind your child about the potential dangers of, 'Trick or Treating' and also the risks around fire safety.</p> <p>If you feel that your child needs additional support in this matter, please contact Mrs Debbie Coyle (Child Protection Coordinator).</p>
<p><b>Stoptober:</b></p> 	<p>Please be aware that October is officially recognised as 'Stoptober' an NHS campaign designed to promote the benefits of quitting smoking.</p> <p>If you're a smoker, giving up smoking is one of the best things that you'll ever do for your health. There are lots of other benefits too, and they start almost immediately. It's never too late to quit, so join the thousands of people stopping smoking this October!</p> <p>For further advice see: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/">https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/</a></p>
<p><b>Squid Game:</b></p> 	<p>The Academy team is aware that many pupils have been talking about, or may have watched a new Netflix series titled, 'Squid Game'. Please be aware that this programme is rated 15 and is therefore not suitable for children/young teens to watch.</p> <p>We strongly advise that children do not watch 'Squid Game' as the show is extremely graphic, with a lot of violent content.</p>

## Tutor support



Your child's tutor will be in regular contact with you to check that your child feels well supported. In feeding back on your child's progress, your tutor will discuss your child's achievements and areas for development. Please use this as an opportunity to share relevant information with the school so that we can support you and your child accordingly. ***A problem shared is a problem halved!***

## Celebrating Achievements

Over the last half term, there have been many notable achievements, particularly, pupils' engagement during the end of the half term, 'Halloween Extravaganza'.

Winning Tutor group:	TSM
Best dressed pupils':	Kacey (NHO)
Reading Champions:	Robbie, Roxanne, Max

## Enrichment






This half term has witnessed the launch of our exciting new enrichment programme-this is part of our new curriculum offer and is aimed at promoting new and different ways of learning, encouraging pupils to grow through life and encounter new experiences.

A big hit has been the weekly visit to Goxhill Meadows as part of our 'Animal Leaders' programme.

## Useful Services:

The following websites/contact details may provide useful support or advice for parents/carers and young people:

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<p><b>NHS</b></p> <p>If you require further information re: Coronavirus symptoms or testing, please seek advice from the NHS website/your own GP.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a></p>	
<p><b>KIDS</b></p> <p>KIDS is a free, confidential and impartial service for parents and carers, children and young people who may have special educational needs and/or disabilities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kids.org.uk/hull-sendiass">https://www.kids.org.uk/hull-sendiass</a></p>	
<p><b>Young Minds</b></p> <p>A website which offers tips/advice for young people in managing your mental health.</p> <p><a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a></p>	

### A closing comment...

On behalf of the team, we wish all of our pupils and our wider 'Compass family' a restful half term break; we look forward to welcoming you back next half term (**Monday 1st November, 2021**). Please be aware that the cold weather is now beginning to set in. Please ensure that your child attends school with a warm coat and suitable footwear for the weather.

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