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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the second half of the autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The first half term has been extremely positive, and we look forward to building on this success over the coming weeks.

Remembrance Day

On **Wednesday 11th November**, we will be holding a whole-school Remembrance Service in the school hall. As part of the service, every student will be provided with a poppy to wear.

If you would like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, contributions can be made via the Gateway App. As always, we are grateful for the generosity shown by our school community in supporting this worthy cause.

Children in Need

On **Friday 13th November**, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need through a range of fun activities during the school day.

Students may wish to bring some money to take part in activities such as:

- Throwing a sponge at the Headteacher
- Various fundraising games and challenges organised by staff and students

For those who would prefer to donate electronically, the Gateway App will also be available for contributions to Children in Need.

Free School Meals Update

I would like to make parents aware that the free school meal allowance has increased to £3.40 for lunch.

In addition, eligible students are entitled to a free breakfast allowance of up to £0.75 each day. We encourage families who are eligible to take advantage of this support.

Lockdown and Emergency Procedures

Recently, we successfully completed both a lockdown procedure and a fire evacuation drill. I am pleased to report that students and staff responded exceptionally well to both exercises.

Lockdowns can be required for a variety of reasons and do not necessarily indicate a direct threat to the school. Examples may include an air ambulance landing on the school field, an animal on the loose or an accident adjacent to the school site etc.

If the school enters lockdown, we will communicate with parents via InTouch as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. In the meantime, we respectfully ask parents **not to come to the school site**, as doing so can make it more difficult for emergency services and school staff to manage the situation effectively.

We understand that any communication regarding a lockdown can cause concern, but please be reassured that our priority will always be the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Student Photographs and Social Media

In my previous communication, I explained that schools across Flintshire have received guidance advising against publishing photographs of students on school websites and social media channels. This advice has been issued because images shared online can be manipulated and misused.

Whilst this is disappointing, we remain committed to celebrating our students' achievements.

To help us continue highlighting the many successes of our young people, parents are welcome to send in photographs of their children participating in achievements and activities outside of school. If parents do this, we will assume they own the image and wish it to be shared through school communication channels and social media platforms. Further permission will not be sought by the school to use such images.

We hope this provides a sensible compromise, allowing us to continue celebrating student success while following the guidance provided to schools.

School Uniform Review

We are aware that some parents have expressed concerns regarding our current uniform supplier.

As a result, we are currently working with governors and the School Council to explore alternative options that could provide greater choice and flexibility for families. We will keep parents updated as these discussions progress and will share further information in due course.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We have enjoyed a very successful first half term and look forward to an equally productive and positive second half term.

Regards.

Mr. C. Ellis