



Dear Parents and Carers,

16th April 2021

The sun is shining and there is a sense of hope and optimism in the air! The return to school this week has been excellent, and it has been a wonderful privilege that I have as Headteacher to walk around school and see children learning really well.

The coming weeks are a key focus for Year 11 as they are undertaking shorter formal assessments in lessons and in the exam hall that will gather the information together for us to allocate their GCSE grades in lieu of the formal GCSE exams. We wish them all the best for this, they are working very hard and are focused on the tasks ahead, with the excellent support of their teachers.

We continue to have Lateral Flow testing at home and children are being provided with their test kits - a reminder that they should test twice per week and report results to test register.

I am delighted to be able to let you know that we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher - an internal promotion for Miss Cassels, who moves from Assistant Head to Deputy. She will be overall responsible for our Quality of Education, working with our leaders, teachers and support staff to ensure that teaching and the curriculum in our school are excellent and that our children learn very well indeed.

I have enclosed with this letter a flyer regarding an opportunity to volunteer with a local Cub group. In order for this group to continue, and offer great experiences for youngsters more volunteers are needed - if you are interested please do make contact using the information on the flyer. I know many of your children have benefitted from such groups, so please do consider if you have capacity to support.

As ever please do get in touch if you need anything, my email is VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk

My best wishes

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