

24 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

A Change to our Rewards and Sanctions tariff

From Monday, all Classcharts points will be reset. Previous points will still be retained and achieved but we will be monitoring the changes from Monday. Moving forward, points will be reset termly. We have designed a rewards system that recognises pupils positive behaviours and I have been reflecting this week along with the SLT regarding the tariff assigned to positive and negative points. We have a huge amount of opportunities for all pupils to receive positive praise daily, weekly and half termly. I have attached our tariff to this letter for you to see and to discuss the wealth of opportunities with your child. This will ensure all pupils can achieve their FFET Gold award. All pupils have been spoken to about this and have greeted this positively. We have also realigned our sanction tariff and now have clear thresholds regarding poor behaviour. Any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact school. Next Thursday's parental forum will focus on these changes. The link will be sent out on Monday.

Share your Success Stories

On both our Facebook and Twitter page we are asking and promoting all our pupil's achievements both inside and outside of the academy.

Things such as:

Player of the Week

A new grading,

Created a masterpiece

Taken part in a community project.

Please send the pupil's name, year group along with a photograph and details of their achievement to info@bircheshead.org.uk. We are really looking forward to learning more about our pupils outside the academy.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 7th December we will be joining the nation to celebrate Christmas Jumper day. Pupils can come to school in their full school uniform, replacing the academy jumper for a Christmas one. The day is organised by a charity called Save the children, and the money raised supports children all over the world so that they can have the future they deserve. They help children by making sure they have education, food and safety. We are asking for £1 donations to support this event. Please support us with this and encourage your child to wear their Christmas jumper.

Port Vale Utilita Cup

I want to congratulate our Y7/8 pupils who showed outstanding effort and resilience during the Port Vale Utilita Cup yesterday. We did not get the result we wanted (or deserved) but our pupils played exceptionally well. The star player was Kacie. Well done.

School Age Immunisation Service

"Polite Final Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Service".

We shall be visiting school on Monday 4th December to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to those pupils in Year 7 - Year 11. If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form by 10am on Monday 27th November when the online consent portal will close. Please use the following link:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list: Birches Head Academy – 04 Dec – Flu
Your school code is: ST124390-23

Park and Stride

Good news... Schools in the Birches Head area can access up to 3 hours FREE parking for motorists who drive their children to and from school.

By taking part in this scheme, parents/carers are encouraged to park a short walk away from the school gates therefore easing congestion at the school gates.

Parents can now apply for a permit to park at Central Forest Park or Northwood Stadium.

Free School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holiday

An e-mail containing the link to download the Christmas voucher will be sent out to eligible parents/carers on or around 11th December. This is again funded by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and is to the value of £30 per eligible child.

Please ensure that we have an up to date e-mail address to help with safe delivery of the voucher.

Please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format if you have any questions. You can contact the office by email on info@bircheshead.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely



Ms K Dixon
Principal