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Dear Parents and Carers

ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19

After a busy week of Government announcements, I want to thank you for all your hard work and support with our young people through these challenging times. We are in the process of surveying the students to make sure they are coping as well as possible and we will also be seeking your views in due course too.

Last week, I mentioned the Ofqual consultation on summer exams which some of you might be interested in completing. The link to that can be found [here](#) and with a deadline of the 29th January 2021, we would encourage as much of a response as possible from parents and carers.

Update on the sports building project development

The planning application for the new sports and recreational facilities was submitted in December 2020 and we hope to hear the outcome in the early Spring. Whilst all we can do at the moment is wait, the prospect has been made even more exciting with the gift donation of £400,000.00 from the St John's Foundation Trust. This commitment was received earlier this week and enables us to complete a project for students, staff and the community in an incredible way. We are extremely grateful for this contribution which brings the vision ever closer to reality.

Added to this, we have recently been awarded a significant and generous additional grant from Excalibur Academies Trust which will enable us to convert all our external and sports hall lighting to energy efficient LED lighting. This will significantly reduce our carbon emissions footprint as well as our future expenditure on energy and this is a project which we can get to work on quickly. In short, St John's is well set to become an even smarter looking school, designed with sustainability and a commitment to the future of our young people in mind.

Notification of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases

Despite the lock down, it still remains vital that you let the school know through the COVID-19 email - covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk if you have any pandemic related concerns we need to be aware of. This is particularly important if you need to take a test or have a positive case. We also continue to keep up to date our dedicated area on the school website which can be found at: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/latest-covid-19-information/>.

Communication between home and school remains as important as ever, and I do hope that both you and your children will feel able to contact us at anytime if you need to.

With kind regards

Mr I Tucker
Principal

