



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 5th July 2021

Library Books

- We would like to introduce Ms Bayley, our new Library Manager who is here to help all students get the most from our library and reading.
- As part of the rejuvenation of the library space, we would like to request that all library books are returned to the Academy in week beginning Monday 5th July.
- Books can be returned on the following days during registration:
 - Tuesday Year 9
 - Wednesday Year 10
 - Thursday Year 8
 - Friday Year 7
- If anyone has lost a library book, can the student please let the library know as it will help with our stock take.
- If a book has been lost, you may like to consider replacing it with the same, or an alternative book for the library, as we are trying to keep a good stock of reading for next year.
- Many thanks, and happy summer reading!

Parents & Carers of Year 8 students

- Northumbria Police's Prevention Through Education Team will be visiting our school on 6th and 7th July to deliver a session on the risks and consequences associated with the sharing of inappropriate images via text message and social media.
- Police are seeing an increase in self-generated indecent images from children which has been made worse by lockdowns.
- The purpose of the presentation is to equip children with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves on the internet from this growing threat, and to make them aware of how these images can be used to exploit young people.
- The 1 hour session covers:
 - what is an inappropriate image?
 - why young people send inappropriate images?
 - consequences
 - the law
 - where to find help and support when images have been shared

School Meals

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school meals must be pre-ordered. Students can bring a packed lunch and snacks.
 1. Click on the following link to order a school lunch online.
[Click here - School Lunch Order Form for week starting 12th July 2021](#)
DEADLINE Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 9.00am.
 2. Access the following link to log onto your ParentPay account to ensure there are sufficient funds for us to take payment once your child has had the school lunch.
<https://www.parentpay.com/parents>
 3. We automatically add daily Free School Meal allowances (£2.30 a day) to ParentPay using the information we receive from the Local Authority. If your child receives Free School Meals, you will still need to place an order for a meal.
 4. If you are unable to access a device to place an online order, please contact us.

ACT Early Initiative – Prevent Duty

- It's been a challenging year for everyone and as a result time spent online has increased. This has led to the creation of an environment where there is more risk of young and vulnerable people being targeted by terrorist groomers.
- **Prevent** is a duty in the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and is used to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation, and to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
- Friends and family are usually the first to spot behavioural issues associated with radicalisation. You can find further information on the signs to look out for here:
<https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs/what-to-look-for/>
- Most people don't realise that there is help and support available which has led to Northumbria Police launching a new website and advice line, ACT Early (Action Counter Terrorism).
- We would like to encourage parents and carers to learn about the Prevent Duty and feel confident enough to find support and make referrals themselves.
- You can find further information by visiting the following websites:
<https://actearly.uk/>
<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/12176/Preventing-radicalisation-and-the-prevent-duty>