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CEO Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

PowerSchool - Withdrawal Notice Function Added

As previously announced, with the introduction of our new school data management system, PowerSchool, we will continue to add to the useful functions in a progressive process.

So, with invoices for the coming semester having been issued in the past week, (please make sure you are on top of the process and have received yours) we have added the Withdrawal Notice function.

At this time should any family be moving on, as can be the case at this time of year, the “Withdrawal Notice” has been added to your family account (under the Demographic database button). Please click here to notify the school of your child(ren)’s withdrawal.

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm (Tomorrow)

Well the tents and stage are up as I write, and the big day is almost here.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE for tomorrow’s entry and safe conduct during the event:

Please note that we (the LT) were advised on Wednesday of the number of potential visitors for this event. It is far larger than we expected because we seem to have more than just close family attending. It means that it will be much harder than we anticipated to follow the guidelines on social distancing (1m outdoors) and may have to restrict the flow of visitors onto the campus if we feel that the number is too large.

The reason that we wanted to have the event was for school spirit but our major aim as educators was so that children could demonstrate what they had learned this year in the performing arts. That being said, it would be safer if you only stayed at the event for 2 hours around the time of your children’s performances. We cannot police this and so I ask you to consider the safety implications.

On the rules below, again it will be difficult to monitor and as parents you will have to help to ensure that masks are worn at all times, use hand washes regularly and eat together as a family away from others (1m). If you have people in your party with any of the known symptoms then please leave them at home. Ensure all the members of your party have been in the country for the last 21days. I would also advise people in a vulnerable group not to attend.

We still want the children to enjoy it but we have to remain safe and that means sticking closely to all



the guidelines given below.

COVID-19 safety

1. Please wear your mask all day.
2. Eat in family groups. There is a picnic area on the sports field (bring your own picnic blanket) to have social distanced eating + the cafeteria has the perspex protection while eating.
3. To keep social distance, spreading your arrival and departure time across the entire event is key - know your children's showtime (see [link](#) for detailed list):

11:15am -12:30pm is EPC music groups

12:30pm - 1:15pm is EPC dance groups

1:30pm - 3:30pm is ESC music groups

Try to keep the central show area less crowded, early or late entry is the least crowded time to enjoy the event if you don't have a child performing.

4. The event is mainly outdoors this year (however, numbers will be restricted to 50 people in any indoor areas - except the cafeteria but please use the hand sanitiser on entry)
5. We have cleaners spraying down the eating areas so please give them time to do so when the table becomes available.
6. Hand sanitizers will be set up around the school, especially around the Food court areas. The student games booths will ask children to spray their hands after playing.
7. We will be counting entry and exit numbers, if the numbers become too concentrated at a specific time (not able to have sufficient social distance) then we may need to control access - please be aware of this possibility of delay to entry in this situation.
8. If you feel sick in any way please do not come to the event. It is safest that way. If anyone has a temperature of 37.5 + then they won't be permitted to enter the event.

Entry procedures

1. Remember to bring your ticket. Complete your name, email and the student you are with - we need to know exactly who is on campus in case of contact tracing.
2. If you forget the ticket or did not pre-register - all is not lost! We will have a table to register on-site or check your pre-registration details. (The TES family main contact will fill out the form for the family group, taking responsibility for the health declaration of all the group - please bring your parent ID with you too - it is a TES family community event so please remember this). There may be delays as you do this process, so be patient.
3. Please remember we are being vigilant about the entry process for good reason, if you have to wait, please be patient and courteous to the team processing your entry.



All that being said (and I can't stress enough how much effort is required by everyone at the event to maintain the mask wearing / social distancing / hand sanitising / safe eating), I want to thank the PSC volunteers ahead of time for the massive work put into its preparations. Also to the secretaries and support staff that have been sending out pre-registration tickets this week and ensuring everyone will be able to come to the event during the course of the day. And of course all the teachers and students that are running activities at the event. There are great contributions from a huge range of people so thanks to you all.

See you tomorrow and let's enjoy the Christmas spirit in a COVID-19 safe manner!

Sincerely,

David Gatley
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