



Now that the new lockdown is in place, it seems very strange that school continues as 'usual' whilst the outside world is put on pause. We are grateful for the normality in school and I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support of the school and encouragement at this time. I would reiterate the comment that I made in my letter earlier this week that if any of our families find that they need support to please get in touch and that as a community we can continue to support one another. Have a good weekend.

Imogen Senior

EduLinkOne: New Year 7 Parents

By the time you are reading this, parents of year 7 students (who don't already have older siblings in the school) should have received your EduLink parental logins. This will allow you to track behaviour, attendance, homework and more via the website or the app on your phone. Don't forget to check any spam/junk folders just in case.

For help in using EduLink please refer to the getting started guide on the website (<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/edulinkone>). If you are having trouble logging in, please send an email to help@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

This is also a good time to check that your child knows their logon for the school computers. They should have used this in their IT lessons by now, and the same details will log them into EduLinkOne to access their homework. This is also how work will be set should Remote Learning need to be put in place. If they are having trouble logging in, please ask them to speak to the Resources & IT Technician who can be found next to reception (where they buy their stationery).

Network Manager, IT Support

Face Coverings

On 4th November the government issued new guidance for schools with effect from 5th November. The main change is that students in secondary schools are now *required* to wear masks in corridors and communal areas. Whilst this has been our school policy since September, it is important to note that this is now a requirement and we will be issuing exemption lanyards to those students who are mask exempt. The vast majority of our students have followed our expectations throughout but any students who are not wearing masks or not wearing an exemption lanyard will be challenged by staff.



Where possible students should use reusable masks but we do have disposable masks available to purchase from resources if they forget to bring a mask in to school. Can we also ask you to remind your child if they travel on public transport that they should be wearing a face covering.



Modern Day Slavery

Over the weekend I was introduced, by a parent of a student at St Benedict's, to an organisation called A21, their Mission is to End Slavery.

A21 aims to Educate and equip everyone to understand, identify, and reduce the risk of human trafficking. On the 17th October A21 hosted a Global Summit on Modern Day Slavery and the broadcast is available on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/5QVbkkR1vQ0>). It is a powerful and informative video, well worth a view.

They also have an informative website with a number of resources designed for parents to help start conversations with their children to educate and empower them. If you are interested in finding out more the website is <https://www.a21.org/content/parent-guides/gq3xc0>

One life at a time, we can end slavery!"

All the best, stay well, stay safe, stay strong,

Mrs Berry.