



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

3rd May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

TASTER DAY, MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019

Each year the school provides a day of lessons for Year 4 and 5 girls from many primary schools across the city, to give these girls a 'taste' of what it is like at secondary school and in Bellerive in particular.

For this reason the school will be closed on Monday 24th June for most pupils.

Please complete the slip below and return it to school, via your daughter's form tutor, no later than **Friday 10th May 2019**, acknowledging you are aware that school is closed on Monday 24th June for most pupils.

If you are unable to arrange care for your child on this day, please write a separate note to this effect and ask your child to pass it by hand to Mr Taylor, by Wednesday 19th June. If necessary, your daughter can be supervised in school on that day but only if we have received your request by 19th June 2019.

Some pupils may be helping in classrooms on the day, and they will be in school for part of the day. If your child is required in school for this reason you will receive a separate letter in due course, with details and a reply slip, from any of the Heads of Department needing assistance.

All pupils and 6th Form students must be back in school on Tuesday, 25th June 2019.

If you know of somebody who currently has a daughter in Y4 or Y5 at primary school please tell the family about our Taster Day and ask them to ring school for further details or email us at tasterday@bellerivefcj.org

Y7-11 USE OF "SMART WATCHES", INCLUDING iWATCHES, IN SCHOOL

You will recall that I sent a letter on 26th March (*available on our website*), regarding the rules about Year 7-11 pupils having their mobile phones in school. This letter summarised some of the key points about handsets that are in the policy you, as a Parent/Carer, have signed, to allow your daughter to bring her mobile phone into school. However, the actual policy (*available on our website*), does go on to state that **"the school ban on other electronic devices such as iPads (or similar tablet devices), iPods, digital cameras, smart watches etc. remains in place"**. The prohibition of smart watches is also clearly stated in your daughter's journal.

Despite this, a number of pupils have had smart watches, particularly iWatches, confiscated in recent weeks. We would ask that all parents ensure pupils are not sent into school wearing any brand of smart watch (it is worth noting that external exam boards prohibit candidates wearing any form of smart watch when sitting exams).

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Form tutors have reminded girls of the rules regarding smart watches in the last week. From now on smart watches will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week in which they are confiscated in the first instance. In the second instance, parents will have to make an appointment with their daughter's Head of Year to collect the confiscated smart watch and any instances after this will be considered open defiance of school rules and dealt with accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support on this aspect of our school rules.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Howlett
Headteacher

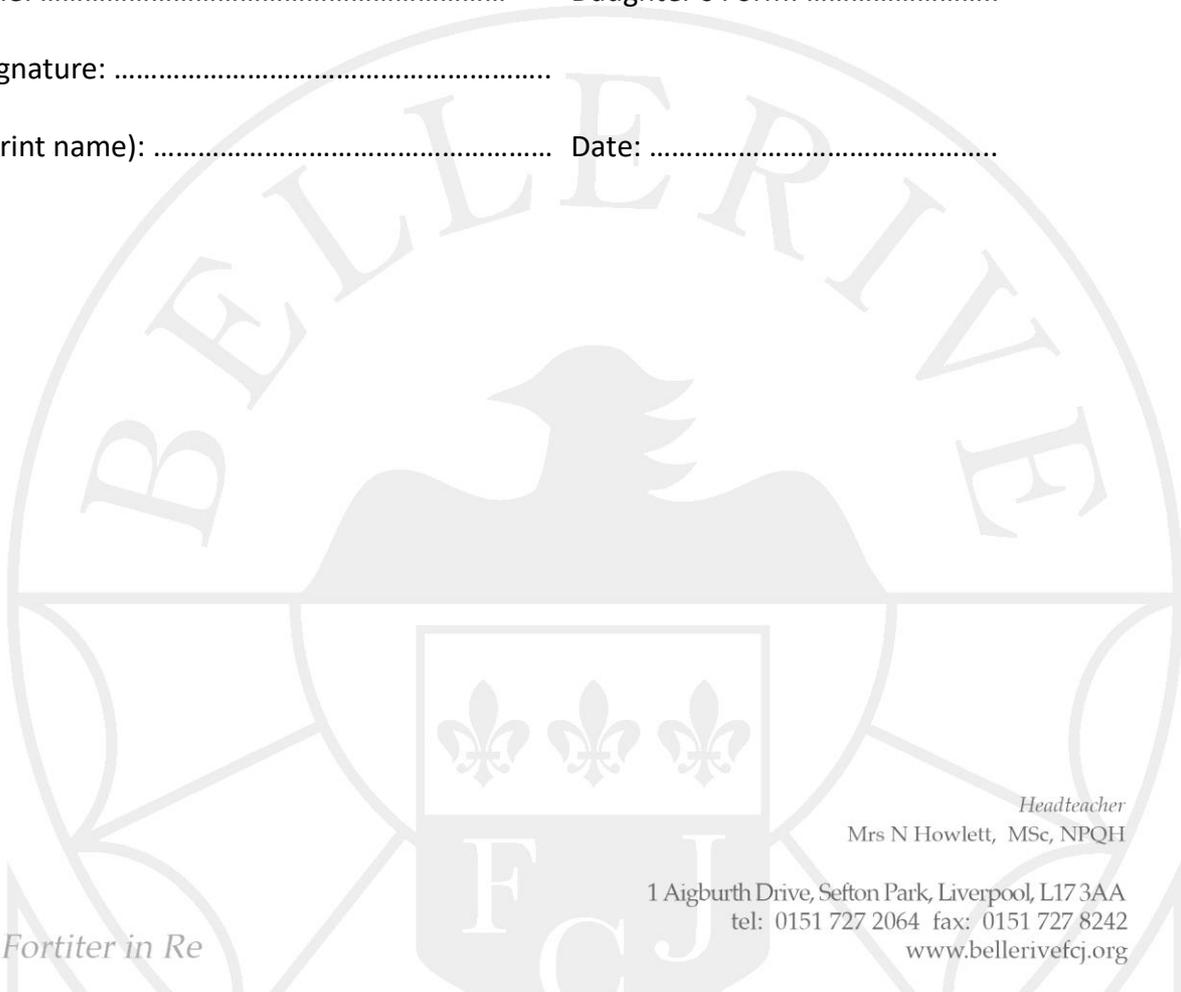
Please complete and return to: Form Tutor

I acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 3rd May informing me that school is closed to most pupils on Monday 24th June 2019 and regarding the rules on smart watches.

Daughter's Name: Daughter's Form:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Parent/Carer (Print name): Date:



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