



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

Hello, we would like to introduce ourselves as this year's School Captains.

As you will be well aware, since returning in August, school life has been extremely different. This is why on Friday 13 November, we are giving pupils the opportunity to dress up to celebrate 'the spooky Friday the 13th' tradition or dress down. In usual circumstances, we would have planned, prepared and executed a charity week, with a main charity day celebration on the Friday of that week. The week would consist of raffles and other activities in order to raise money for our chosen charity. However due to current circumstances, sadly these charity weeks cannot happen at the present time. Therefore, we are proposing a dress up/down day for all pupils and staff where they have the opportunity to donate £1, if they wish, to our chosen charity **Young Minds** while still having an enjoyable yet safe day.

Young Minds is a children's charity which focuses on helping young people who suffer from poor mental health and preventing their mental health from reaching a crisis point. Children's mental health has always been a growing problem, but with the problems children have had to face brought on by Coronavirus, their mental health has never been more important. This is why we feel **Young Minds** is a fitting charity and we would like to raise as much money as we possibly can, despite our many fundraising restrictions.

Pupils can choose to dress up in any spooky costume they wish, however, to keep in line with government guidelines and safety measures, children from S1-S3 are still required to wear a mask (**these cannot be substituted for a costume mask**) when travelling from one class to another, as well as when in communal areas. Moreover, pupils in S4-S6 will also still be required to wear a mask throughout their school day (**not a costume mask**), while travelling around the school, in class and in communal areas.

We cannot wait to see everyone's contribution and efforts on our charity day. We hope we can raise as much money as we can for our outstanding charity. Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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