



4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first week of official re-opening is over and so far we have welcomed Year 7 and Year 11 back into school. It has been lovely to see the students again and their behaviour and attitude has been exemplary. I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in us and the support you have shown your children.

Having finished our first week, this would be a good opportunity to update you on some of the key things as I am aware that information has been released sporadically over the last 6 weeks.

Face Masks

As you are aware from my previous letter, we are strongly recommending that face masks are worn by pupils whilst in the corridors and communal areas. It is up to individual pupils if they would like to wear face masks whilst in lessons.

The Local Authority have supported schools by purchasing face masks for every pupil in Years 7-11.

All pupils who access home-school transport in Years 7 and 11 have been issued with some re-usable and washable face masks today and we will ensure all other pupils using home-school transport are given their face masks next week.

Once the remaining masks arrive at school, we will equip all other pupils within the school.

PE

The current situation with the virus means that it is difficult for us to use the PE changing rooms. As a result of this we have to ask that where pupils have PE on their timetable for a particular day that they wear their PE kit into school. This avoids the issue of changing during the day. Key Stage 4 pupils (Years 9-11) may have PE theory on some days and should wear full uniform rather than PE kit.

We understand that the weather will get wetter and colder as we move into the winter months. Where pupils have to wear their PE kit to school, we would be happy for them to wear jogging bottoms to ensure they are warm. We will update you as soon as we are confident that the changing rooms can be used in a safe manner.

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Family Lunch

We are operating a system of 'Family Lunch', where students will sit at an allocated seat within a year group seating plan. Food will need to be pre-ordered and the food will be served to each pupil at their table.

A two week menu of options has been published on the website (Click the section – 'Parents and Students' and then 'Family Lunch' and please complete the **Food Order** form with your child(ren) to choose the required food for the week. **This form should be completed by 3.00 every Friday** for the following week so that food for the following week can be ordered.

Can you please ensure that the order form is completed and that your children are aware of what has been ordered.

The Local Authority is continuing to make payments to families where children are entitled to free school meals and therefore will be expected to pay for any food ordered in school or bring a packed lunch up until 11th September.

Year 7 Photographs

The photographer will be coming into school on **Tuesday 8th September** to take the children's photographs. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase these at a later date in the term

Equipment

All pupils should be coming into school with the correct basic equipment. The current Pandemic makes it very difficult for them to borrow equipment whilst in school. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are fully equipped.

As always, I would like to thank you for your support and if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate person at the school.

Warmest regards

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