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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcoming all our pupils back last week has been a delight. Having our young people back in school, seeing their friends and staff, and re-engaging with learning in a school setting has made brought our school building back to life.

We had a very calm and successful first week; however things are very different than they have ever been, and in order to keep everyone safe we have a duty to review our policies and protocols almost daily.

Years 8+9 have a slightly later start time – 9am. This is to allow us to keep year groups separate as much as possible. For this to work, can I ask that pupils arrive no more than 5 minutes before their start time, any earlier makes it more difficult to achieve this separation. Whilst waiting for their start time, these pupils will be asked to wait in their year group area outside until 9.00am, if the weather is wet it might be useful if pupils had umbrellas.

Face coverings can be worn by pupils in communal areas, however unless there is a medical condition that requires a face covering to be worn at all times, then face coverings should not be worn in class- it inhibits learning and communication. A notification of any medical condition should be given to the pupil's form tutor. The wearing of face coverings will be constantly reviewed, and we will update you with any changes. Bandanas are not to be worn.

To reduce the number of people on site, therefore the risk of infection, we ask parents/carers not to enter the school site without a pre-arranged appointment. Where possible, parent/teacher meetings will take place by phone or virtually, in the interest of everyone's safety. Parent/ carers that do have appointments should wear a face covering on entering the reception area and sanitise their hands, and only one parent should attend.

From **Tuesday 8th September** we are asking pupils to wear their school blazer every day, including those days that they have PE.

Due to COVID 19, we can't offer a full canteen service, and a packed lunch option is provided, however we would recommend that if you can provide a packed lunch /snacks it reduces the number of movements around the school.

Again, because of COVID 19 water fountains are no longer in use, so we ask that all pupils bring in a bottle of water, or 2 to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for sending your children back to school, we will work tirelessly to keep the school environment safe, whilst providing a quality first, well rounded education. Any changes to school protocols will be shared with pupils and parents immediately, and should home circumstances change in any way, please let us know so that we can provide targeted support.

Kind Regards

Sharon Collins
Head of Secondary



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