

Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

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Dear Students and Parent/Carers,

I'm writing to you now, so that you have an idea about what returning to school will likely involve in September.

However, before that, from all of the staff, we would like to say a huge well done and thank you for all of your hard work since school 'closed' in March. Your teachers have been keeping track of your engagement with the remote work and for the vast majority of you, they have seen that you have been doing the work they have set. The work that you have done will really help in September and we will make sure that we help you with any gaps you might have. So don't worry, we are determined to bring some normality back when you return to lessons and learning. So please read the information below for some information about September.

The Government has said that when you come back, you will need to stay in your year group 'bubbles'. This means that you cannot have contact with students in other year groups. We know that this will be hard, as many of you have friends in other years (and siblings). However, to make sure that we are keeping all of you safe, we must abide by this rule. Thank you for helping us when you return by following the rules carefully, some of which have changed or are new. We will tell you about them during the first lesson on Thursday 3rd September.

On the first day of term:

1. If you are travelling on a school bus or minibus, you **MUST** wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser provided on the bus. You are unlikely to be allowed to travel without one. You must sit as the driver tells you, with year groups sitting together, Year 11 at the back, and year 7 the front of the bus. Don't forget to bring a face covering for the journey home too. If you are walking or dropped off by car, you do not need to wear a face covering.
2. When you arrive on the first day back (Thursday 3rd September), if you are on a bus, you must not get off until a member of school staff tells you to. You will be disembarked one year group at a time, so please stay seated until it is your turn.
3. You must not enter the school building. If you have arrived by bus you must dispose of your face covering (if disposable) in a dedicated PPE bin that we will indicate to you. If it is a reusable face covering, you must remove it and store it in a sealable bag until home time. Please make sure that you remove the face mask properly, following the government guidance to safely do so.

4. Staff will be out to meet you and tell you where you must go. Year 7 will be directed to line up along the front of school (by Reception), ready to go into the main hall where you will be seated on the floor for a welcome assembly, making sure you use the hand sanitiser on the way in. Years 8-11 must make your way around the outside of the school, through the quad outside the demountable (D block) to the tennis courts. You must line up in your English classes by the sign on the fence for your year group (staff will be close by to guide you). This is only for the first day, so we can get you safely in your year groups to your area of school. By the way, this is how and where you will line up in future if we have a fire drill.

5. The school has been split into year group zones. Year 7 in the W block, year 8 in D1, D2, B7 and the PE classroom, Year 9 in Y1, Y2, Y4 and B2, Year 10 in the R corridor and Year 11 in the G block. You will stay in these zones / classrooms unless you have a lesson that requires a specialist teaching space e.g. PE, Science, DT, Music, Drama, Computing or Art, where you will be taken to the specific classroom. (See the attached map). Your period 1 teacher on the first morning will take you into school to the block where your year group will have most of your lessons.

6. The school also has a one way system in place for students (inside the building) this is to ensure that there is no congestion in the corridors, it may seem strange at first but it is something that we will all get used to (See attached map). Wherever you can use an outside route it must be used. You may also have to wait outside for other year groups to get to lessons. With this in mind you will need a waterproof coat and/or a small folding umbrella, in case it is raining.

7. As we are currently unable to mix year groups there will be no tutor time in the morning, you will be registered in your period 1 lesson. The same will apply for assemblies, there will be no assemblies to begin with but we may need to have year group meetings in the hall from time to time.

8. If you have a PE lesson you will need your kit and also a plastic bag large enough to store your uniform in whilst you are not wearing it, this will help limit contamination and make cleaning quicker and easier.

9. We will be unable to lend you equipment, so please ensure you come equipped with the following: pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, protractor, pair of compasses, coloured pencils, scientific calculator, scissors, glue stick and reading book.

10. During period 1, there will be information from your teacher about how the rest of the day will work and time to ask questions. Your timetable will be available for you to see on Go4Schools before you return on Thursday 3rd September. For Year 7, we will provide your timetable on the day, as you won't yet have a login to Go4Schools.

11. We will also use periods 1 and 2 to register you for cashless catering (if you have not yet been registered and we have parental/carer consent). For those without consent you will be issued with a pin number. You will then be able to buy refreshments from the canteen at break / lunch time the same day, as long as there are funds on your Parent Pay account.

12. Lunch and break times will be staggered so that we can maintain year group "bubbles". We will be using two spaces at each break / lunch time so that the year groups can't mix

Year 7 Restaurant Break 11.00 -11.15 Lunch 12.20 – 12.50

Year 8 Hall Break 11.20 – 11.35 Lunch 12.55 – 1.25

Year 9 Hall Break 11.00 -11.15 Lunch 12.20 – 12.50

Year 10 Restaurant Break 11.20 – 11.35 Lunch 12.55 – 1.25

Year 11 Hall Break 11.40 – 11.55 Lunch 1.25 – 1.55

13. There will also be designated toilets for each year group which you must use one student at a time: Year 7 in the W block, 8 in the B corridor (these used to be staff toilets), 9 in the Y corridor, 10 in the R corridor and 11 in the G corridor. You will see a taped box on the floor outside the toilets. This is for waiting in until the toilet is vacant.

14. At the end of the day we will start dismissing classes a year group at a time to ensure that we can get students onto their buses safely in their designated year group area. You must wait for your teacher to escort you outside and to the buses. (Remember you will need a face covering to travel on the bus and use the hand sanitizer when getting onto the bus).

15. Hand sanitiser must be used whenever you enter the school, go to or from break, go to or from lunch, after using the toilet and before going home.

To make sure that you have understood the way that things work, you must follow the link below to a form that lays out our expectations regarding equipment, uniform and behaviour upon returning in September. This must be completed by students and parents (together). For those who travel by bus you will have received an additional email that gives more detail about our expected behaviour and guidelines on transport. Please can you ensure that this online form is completed before you return to school.

[Student/Parent agreement form](#)

I know that there is a lot to take on board and school will be different to usual, but we need to make sure that you all remain safe and that we can give you the best learning experience possible. It has been a strange couple of months, limited contact with our friends, not being able to go about our lives in the usual way has been hard for lots of us. If you follow [this link](#) it will take you to a self-care summer pack with lots of help and advice about how to look after your own well-being during the summer break.

Finally, take some time to relax and unwind and enjoy the summer. We all look forward to seeing you in September, refreshed and ready to learn.

Kind regards and stay safe,



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