



14th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to report that the full reopening of school has been a positive experience for students and staff. The extensive work we have done around ensuring our systems are safe, effective, and in-line with government guidance are working well. Whilst there will continue to be tweaks to our systems over the next few weeks based on changing local and national guidance, we are confident that students will receive the highest education possible at all times. It has been an absolute pleasure to see our students return with smiles on their faces and a willingness to learn. We must not underestimate the power of socialising and the positive impact the return to school will have on children.

As a result of the local lockdown restrictions introduced from Tuesday 15th September, we have introduced a 'Mask to Move' initiative. It is mandatory for all students and staff to wear face masks in school when moving around the site, outside of classrooms, such as corridors and indoor communal areas. Please contact your child's Head of Year where you feel there is a medical reason for exemption from wearing a face covering. Please see further guidance about face masks below:

- Students must supply their own face mask (scarves, snoods etc are not permitted)
- Face masks must be worn in corridors and in the canteen when not sitting down eating food
- Face masks are not compulsory when in classrooms or outside

More detail on the general use of face masks can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

If students do not have a face mask on a given day for any particular reason, they should immediately report to reception.

Other measures in place:

- Students are in year group bubbles that are in zoned areas around school to reduce the number of students mixing
- Each year group has a separate entrance and exit
- All students wash/sanitise hands upon arrival and regularly throughout the day
- Staff maintain 2 metres distance from students and other staff as much as possible
- Staircases and toilets are zoned where possible
- Staggered break and lunch times so year groups do not mix
- Classrooms are all forward facing
- All touch surfaces are regularly cleaned
- Students attend school in PE kit on PE days

Schools are exempt from 'The Rule of 6' and the two metre social distancing rule for students hence why we can still have large numbers in the same location. The other measures we have in place reduce the risk of transmission and are it is, therefore, imperative that these rules are followed.



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At present, we are in Tier 1 of local lockdown procedures hence the need for face masks to be worn in communal indoor areas.

We will write again soon outlining in more detail the changes across school in terms of curriculum and teaching and learning to provide reassurance that maintaining high educational standards are our absolute priority, alongside ensuring the safety of all of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Bailey
Headteacher

Miss Slater
Headteacher

