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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in assisting the school with the mass testing programme that began last Friday with Year 11 and Post 16. We had high levels of consent and attendance by students, which is extremely pleasing as it helps us to ensure the safest possible return to school for all members of the community.

Please note that should your son or daughter have a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result or begins to show coronavirus symptoms, they will need to be collected immediately and taken home to self-isolate (along with the household) for 10 days.

It is currently not recommended that anyone who has had covid has a LFT for 90 days from their last positive test.

As we start our full day of face to face teaching for Post 16 students, we would like to go through key pieces of information and reminders.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend every day and have been sent their timetables. Please contact Mrs Harvey if you have any concerns about your son or daughter's wellbeing. We will be happy to help.

Uniform

All students are expected to attend school in their full correct uniform. Post 16 students should dress in line with our dress code which is outlined in the Home/College Agreement and includes information on hair and jewellery. We are asking for the support of all students/parents/carers to ensure our dress code is complied with as we do not wish to have our focus diverted away from teaching and learning following this extended period out of the classroom.

Students should:

- Ensure a face covering is worn on entering the site and kept on whilst in communal areas. (For those with a medical exemption, a sunflower lanyard is expected to be worn - these are available from Mrs Harvey if they do not already have one).
- Bring a spare face mask in case of emergencies. Separate face masks for travelling on public transport should be worn to decrease cross contamination. These should be kept in a zip locked bag safely.
- Ensure good hygiene by washing and sanitising hands regularly but especially on entering the building, before and after use of toilet facilities, before and after eating and when entering a lesson.
- Bring their own equipment, especially pens, pencils and a ruler as equipment will not be loaned out.
- Keep 2 metres away from teachers who are unlikely to be wearing a mask in lessons so they can explain concepts more clearly. This is clearly demarcated in every classroom.
- Bring their own drinks, snacks and lunch unless able to access the canteen/kiosk.
- Continue to manage social distancing expectations wherever possible by keeping 2m away from other students who are not in her friendship group or immediate classmate.

Please note face coverings in lessons are voluntary but recommended and that face visors/shields are no longer acceptable.

Additionally

Students must not attend school if:

- They have one or more coronavirus symptoms
- A member of their household/support bubble has coronavirus symptoms
- They are required to quarantine having recently visited a country outside the Common Travel Area.

- They have been contacted by track and trace and told to self isolate.

All risk assessments have been updated and the main school one is available on our website for anyone interested in viewing this. Can we draw your attention to the continued restriction of visitors to the site and ask you to contact us by email or phone if you need to. Additionally - windows and doors will remain open in many places in the building and it would make sense for students to wear a coat to school whilst the temperature is still low.

Any student travelling to school by public transport is reminded to follow the DfE 'safer travel guidance for passengers', in particular the wearing of a mask whilst travelling.

Please also be reminded that the use of the car park for those parents/carers collecting students is restricted to the visitor bays as you enter the site and that should a space be unavailable you will need to turn around and find a space along Heath Road or the surrounding area. Post 16 students who drive to school will be able to park on site until Easter and should inform Mrs Harvey of their car registration number.

Kind regards,



Mrs J Ijewere

Raising Standards Leader - Year 11 and Post 16