



9th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Welcome to the start of term' (September 2020)

My staff and I have been greatly encouraged by the maturity of our students following their return to full time in-school education this term. It has been wonderful to see, meet and listen to them as they move into the next year of their learning. They are adapting well to the myriad of changes to our school's routines and whilst adaptations will, no doubt, need to be made as we learn how our site, students and staff operate, they are helping inform our discussions to ensure we keep them safe, supported and learning well.

In order to help do as much as we possibly can to keep everyone safe, I ask for your support in talking with your children to ensure a few things happen.

- Students who are not due in school until 09:05 should not arrive earlier than 09:00.
- Students should only use their assigned gate to enter and exit the school site.
- Students must wear their year group badge on the lapel of their jacket so they can be easily identified.
- With the end of the day being staggered, students must remain with their teacher until dismissed so that we can release three year groups at a time.
- Parents and carers should not gather outside the school gates and should also avoid driving up to the school gates to collect your child as this increases congestion.
- Students must stay 2m away from a member of staff where possible, such as in all classrooms.
- From Monday 14 September, students should wear a face covering/facemask when they are in communal areas inside school buildings, with the exception of eating areas. This includes corridor spaces during any student movement during the day. (NB: School staff will wear a face covering/facemask when they are in communal areas inside school buildings, during student movement times).

These measures will further help ensure the safety of all within the school site. We are purchasing a number of covered areas for when the weather takes a turn for the worse so students have somewhere covered to meet outside of the buildings at break and lunchtimes.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we opened the school this year. As always, please do get in touch with us directly if you have any concerns in the coming weeks so that we can address them properly with you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chris Bishop
Headteacher