

11/09/20

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is great to be able to share positive news about the response of our pupils at school as we return fully this week! Their response to the Covid safety measures and their attitude to contributing positively in school is very commendable. Thank you for your support and we ask you to continue to emphasise the importance of following these key measures to protect all in our school community.

Unfortunately, a few of our pupils have not always worn their masks on the bus whilst travelling to school. We have reminded all pupils who use school transport of the importance of this safety measure in order to protect all others who travel on the same bus as them. It is a good opportunity for us to teach our children about the importance of taking responsibility and contributing positively to our community. We ask you to reinforce this message with your children. Naturally, if pupils continually refuse to comply with these safety measures, we will need to take appropriate action to protect everyone else who travels via school transport.

### IN-SERVICE TRAINING (INSET) DATES

The INSET dates for this year are:

Friday 23/10/20

Monday 21/12/20

Tuesday 22/12/20

Friday 12/02/21

Friday 02/07/21

Friday 16/07/21

### LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:

From the 14<sup>th</sup> September, we will provide school meals from the canteen for our pupils. Pupils will still have the choice to bring a packed lunch if they wish. The arrangements are:

- Each year will continue to have a staggered lunch time.
- Pupils who bring sandwiches will have a choice to eat outside in the yard, or in one of the halls.
- A specific area of the canteen will be allocated to each year group to eat their food, with tables being cleaned before another year group can use this dining area.
- There will be four set meals (cold and hot) each day. Each meal will include a main course, dessert and drink (see menus here; [Menu A](#); [Menu B](#); [Menu C](#); [Menu D](#); – they follow a three week cycle). Pupils will be not able to choose any other foods outside of these set meals.
- Pupils who choose a cold meal from the canteen will be able to take their food to the yard or hall to eat.
- Pupils who want to choose a hot meal will eat in the canteen.
- Pupils will continue to pay through the 'biometric' system we have in school. All pupils will have to sanitize their hands before paying for their food.
- We encourage parents to load money on your child's account through the Squid system to avoid using re-valuation machines to load money onto their account. Pupils will have to sanitize their hands before using the re-valuation machines.



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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS:

We are pleased to inform you that PE lessons will go ahead, in line with local authority and government guidance as well as those of the various sporting governing bodies.

Although there will be a restriction on the activities we are able to provide, we are keen to provide opportunities for pupils to be active, with the physical wellbeing of our pupils being a priority. We will ensure that that environment is as safe as possible.

We ask all pupils to **arrive in their uniform as usual and to bring their PE kit with them in order to change** at the beginning of the lesson. All pupils will need to sanitize the bench that they use to change at the beginning of the lesson, after changing into their kit, as well as at the end of the lesson, having changed back into their uniform.

Can you assist us by ensuring that all pupils wear the correct PE kit at the school on the days that PE is timetabled? The PE kit remains the same and no changes have been made - PE t-shirts / rugby shirt, dark blue shorts / tracksuit / 'leggings'.

All pupils are expected to comply with the department's kit policy. If your child cannot take part in any lessons, can you write a short note with an explanation in your child's contact book?

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The pupils have made a very positive impression with their new uniform and they look very smart as I am sure that you agree. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy (see website for details) and specifically the rule about jewellery – **pupils in years 7-11 pupils are not permitted to wear face piercings**. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that your child does not.

### 6<sup>th</sup> FORM PUPILS:

We expect pupils in the 6th to attend every day when they have lessons. We are changing our policy as part of the Covid safety measures to allow the 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils to go home as soon as they have finished their lessons for the day. However, pupils will not be allowed to leave the premises e.g. to buy food, and return during the same day. If you want your child to leave at the end of their lessons, we ask you as parents to ensure that they make the best use of this time to study in their subjects.

If you would like to discuss any of the above further, please contact us at school?

Your sincerely,

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