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Dear Parents/Carers,

AUGUST 2020: WEEK 1

I'm delighted to say that our first day went incredibly well. It was great to be able to welcome our S1 and S4 students back in school and to see them re-engage with their learning. The standard of uniform on display was tremendous and it was great to see the standards as high as they were. For your convenience our uniform requirements can be found [here](#). Your continued support is much appreciated.

S1 and S4 will continue to attend from now on. Tomorrow (Thursday) we welcome S2 and S3.

Some new information, and some reminders, is detailed below.

Thursday's arrangements

- S1 – Assemble on Astroturf pitch. Pupils will be sent to tutor classes after the warning bell at 0845;
- S2 – Assemble on Astroturf pitch. Pupils will be directed to tutor classes at 08:50;
- S3 – Assemble on red blaze pitch. Pupils will be directed to enter building via doors adjacent to music at 08:50;
- S4 – Assemble in back playground. Pupils will be directed to enter via concourse doors adjacent to the stage.

Movement in and around the school

We have a one-way system in place and it is crucial that pupils adhere to and follow this. This is clearly publicised with clear signage to ensure there is no doubt or confusion. It does take a bit of getting used to but it is worth it to keep everyone safe. Please speak with your son/daughter about the importance of adhering to this.

Morning breaks and lunchtime

Pupils should spend break and lunch outdoors as much as possible, and should avoid congregating closely in large groups. As far as possible, pupils should remain with their own year groups. Pupils must remain in the school grounds at break. If pupils leave the school grounds at lunchtime they must remember to respect physical distancing and other hygiene guidelines when in the community and in local shops.

At break and lunchtime, pupils in S4, 5 and 6 will be directed to the Astoturf pitch. Pupils in S1, 2 and 3 will be directed to the back playground.

Hygiene

Pupils are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitisers into school for personal use as far as possible. In addition, there will be hand sanitiser stations located in and around the school, and staff will provide access to hand sanitisers and wipes in classrooms. There is no need for pupils to wear a mask. Pupils should also remember to exercise good hygiene practice in relation to litter, coughs, sneezes, tissues etc.

General Health

Pupils who display any symptoms of COVID should be kept at home. These symptoms to watch for are:

- High temperature
- A new continuous cough

- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Parents should follow NHS advice and must inform the school of any positive COVID tests.

Should a pupil begin to display symptoms consistent with COVID during the school day they will be kept in isolation and parent will be contacted to arrange for the pupil to go home. Please ensure contact details are up to date and that someone is available.

Catering

The Fuel Zone will be serving lunch only during the first week back. Pupils may therefore need to bring snacks to school. From Monday 17 August breakfasts and break-time snacks will also be available. The Fuel Zone will not be accepting cash or Q-cards. For those who pay for lunches payments will need to be made electronically. Separate information about this was issued on Monday ([here](#)). Those pupils who receive free meals will not be affected.

Public transport

A letter was sent on Monday regarding public transport (available [here](#)).

Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school – we have a large secure cycle shed available for use!

School visitors

In order to minimise the spread of COVID19, we will be keeping visitors to the school to an absolute minimum. As far as possible, if a member of school staff needs to speak with you, this conversation will take place over the 'phone. If, however, it is necessary to visit the school, please follow the procedures as outlined below:

- Please make an appointment with the member of staff with whom you will be speaking;
- Please arrive on time (but not early) for the appointment – the teacher you are meeting will meet you at the door and take you to the meeting room;
- Please bring a facemask for your meeting and wear this for the duration of the visit. If you have no mask we will not be able to bring you into the building;
- Please do not show up at school without an appointments;
- Please do not bring any unexpected guests to the meeting without prior arrangements (e.g. other children);
- At the end of the meeting the teacher will escort you to the exit and show you out.

Your help with these procedures is very important and much appreciated.

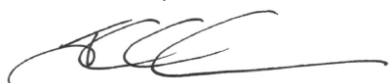
Road safety

Please do not drive into Academy Street to drop off children. This is a narrow cul-de-sac and is very busy with young people. Cars turning on the road creates additional hazards. Please also respect the yellow lines and 'zig-zags' and refrain from parking on them. Complying with this helps keep your child safe.

School app

We now have a fully functioning school app which will become the main mechanism for communication from school to home. Details on how to download this have been texted to you and can be found on our school website [here](#). Please download this app if you have not yet done so.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham
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