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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the latest Government guidelines on wearing masks on school site, the Trusts position continues to remain the same as detailed in the Risk Assessment available on our website. However, the choice in the matter is now down to the individual schools discretion on what to advice for staff and students.

All staff will wear a mask whilst transitioning from class to class and during periods of the day were less than a two metres cannot be guaranteed in corridors during lesson transition. Staff will have the choice whether or not to wear a visor or mask when teaching. For students, wearing a mask is optional.

Regarding P.E kits, if your child is timetabled to attend a core P.E. lesson he or she is expected to arrive in their P.E clothes, our P.E kit guidelines state that a student is allowed to wear plain black leggings or runners underneath their shorts if they choose to do so. If you are a year 7 parent and you have not yet received your PE kit, please see the FAQs below for more information.

One last reminder, Thursday's start times are staggered as per below, the bus will not run on this day and will be operational as of Friday 4th September 2020.

8.40am Y7

9.40am Y8

10.40am Y11

11.30am Y10

12.30am Y9

To ensure you are all prepared as much as possible for your child's return tomorrow, we have included a list of frequently asked questions and answers:

- 1) For parents who didn't order PE kit as they were told they didn't need it initially, can students wear any/own sports kit?
A) [Yes but please ensure the PE kit is plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a plain white T-Shirt \(plain black jumper optional\). No branding.](#)

- 2) Concerns re students carrying scissors in their bags all day and to and from school – do we need to specify child safety scissors or will sharp scissors be confiscated during form time? This doesn't prevent them still walking to school with sharp scissors.
A) [Scissors should be child safety scissors only.](#)

- 3) The original letter said that parents could drop off using the one way roundabout system. Does this no longer apply?
A) [Yes you are still able to drop off at the roundabout using designated areas. Please do not drop off in the middle of the thoroughfare which holds up cars behind. Something we](#)

wish to avoid especially during this time as we need to get students safely and expediently into their designated year group bubbles.

4) Staggered times for Thursday – are these still the same times confirmed in July? Especially year 9 which said 12.30. Is this still correct?

A) Yes 12.30 is the correct time for year 9

5) Did the letters go out to Year 7 parents as well? Are they now on the system to email?

A) Yes, all year 7 parents are contacted. Please contact enquiries if this is not the case.

6) Planners – are these being provided by the school?

A) Yes.

7) Will any students have PE on the first day?

A) Not on Thursday. Students will receive their timetables on Thursday and will know then when they have PE.

8) On days that students have PE can they wear full PE kit and trainers on those days?

A) Full PE kit to be worn all day including trainers. If students wish to change into shoes they can do.

9) Will students be penalised for being late if bus arrival times are not in sync with staggered start times?

A) No as long as students are in tutor groups and registered by 8.40 they will not be penalised.

10) Letters sent yesterday – can they be added to the website?

A) Yes letters on the website

11) My child has a cold and a runny nose – not covid symptoms – are they ok to attend school?

A) Yes, follow the government guidance. If your child has any of the following symptoms please inform us and keep them off:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

12) Can students bring packed lunches in boxes or does it have to be in plastic bags?

A) Packed lunchboxes are fine but must not be shared and must be packed away directly after lunch, then washed appropriately at home and disinfected ready for next day use.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Newman
Principal