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### **Education and Families**

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### **Update 27 November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Health and Safety Guidelines**

The safety measures we have put in place continue to work well and young people are following all the health guidelines we have put in place. Overall, young people have been a great help and have acted very responsibly to help ensure we do everything we possibly can to keep our school as safe as possible during the current health crisis.

I want to thank you for your help in ensuring that your child brings a face covering (and a spare) to school each day and follows the hygiene procedures in place.

In the last 2 weeks since November 11, we have had one further positive case of COVID19 and we have been in touch directly with all close contacts.

If your child is unwell and displaying any COVID like symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) – please keep them at home until you have arranged a test. I know it can be difficult to tell the difference sometimes between a child simply being unwell with a cold for example and displaying COVID symptoms. I would just ask you to use your normal parental common sense and if you are in doubt – book a test.

### **Close Contacts - Isolation Periods**

Understandably, some young people have become very upset and anxious at being asked to isolate for a period of time. I want to reassure you that if your child has to isolate for a period of time we will make sure that information is on record, and if the isolation takes place during any evidence gathering time we will reschedule planned assessments so that every young person has the opportunity to provide the evidence teachers need to arrive at fair and accurate estimates. Class teachers and subject departments will be as flexible as they need to be in order to support young people at this time.

We will also provide work for your child during any period of isolation. Teachers will be in touch with you directly at the beginning of any isolation period and you will also receive correspondence that tells you where and how the work can be accessed. Other forms of support will also be made available.

### **Dropping young people at school**

If you drive your child to school, we would appreciate very much if you would drop your child off at the turning bay rather than drive into the school grounds unless there is a good reason for doing so.



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## **PE Kit / School Uniform**

As you know, we were planning to resume some form of indoor PE and that is why I asked you to allow your child to come to school on PE days in their kit. However, on that same week we moved to tier 4 restrictions which rules out any form of indoor PE. Nevertheless, young people can continue to come to school in their kit on PE days until the guidelines change once again. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing on PE days – school uniform must be worn on other days.

If the weather is bad, young people will be doing indoor health and wellbeing activities.

## **Tracking Reports (S4-S6)**

We are continuing to interview young people in S4-6 following their first tracking report and identifying appropriate supports. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, you are welcome to contact the school at any time and we would encourage you to do so. When calling please ask to speak to your child's guidance teacher in the first instance.

## **Tracking Reports (S2)**

S2 tracking reports were distributed on Tuesday 24 November. These have provided an excellent opportunity for discussions with young people in S2 regarding their progress and any supports we need to provide. If you would like to discuss your child's progress – or any other matter – please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **UCAS**

Students who are applying to UCAS should now be in the final stages of completing their UCAS forms and personal statements.

Any young person who requires assistance with this should see their Pupil Support Teacher or Mrs McDade.

Students can also attend the UCAS help session in the Library on Wednesday at Lunchtime with Mrs McDade.

Help materials to support this are also available on the S6 TEAM on Glow.

## **Parent Council**

Next meeting Monday 14 December 7.00pm (Microsoft Teams)

## **Head teacher**

I spoke to Mr Ross on Wednesday of this week and he is continuing to recover at home. We hope to have him back with us when his recovery is complete. In the meantime, it is my privilege to continue acting as head teacher of the school.

With every best wish



**Mr Robert Smith**

**Acting Head Teacher**