



11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been so good seeing all our students back in full time education after such a long break. I have been extremely impressed with how they have all come back so positively and focused on learning. We continue to be vigilant and rigorously apply measures to ensure your child is as safe as they possibly can be in school. We have therefore made some changes to what we are doing in school.

Face Masks

From Monday, we are requesting that all students wear face masks in communal areas. This includes corridors, playgrounds and eating areas. It does not include classrooms. Disposable masks need to be new each time they are used. Reusable masks, must be plain and will need to be stored in a clear plastic bag between uses. Hands must be washed or sanitised before and after using the mask. Please encourage your child to wear their masks. Please note, masks used in school must be different from the masks they use on the journey to or from school. Staff will be wearing visors in communal areas.

PE/Dance

From Monday 14th September, if your child has PE or Dance during the day, they will need to come into school in their Hylands PE kit along with their blazer. We have made this change based on the feedback from both parents and students.

Arrival at School

Each year group has a 10 minute window before their start time to arrive at school. Please ensure that your child does not arrive before this time as it may cause them to cross another year group bubble. If your child arrives using the school buses, they will be kept in the canteen, in their bubbles, until their start time.

Students Displaying Symptoms of Covid-19

An essential part of our and all schools approach is the action that needs to be taken if a pupil displays symptoms. The instructions set out below are based on the government's guidance and public health legislation.

If your child displays any of the three main symptoms set out below they and any siblings must be isolated either until they have a test result or for 14 days.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of any of the following:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

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- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

There is also a wider set of symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, which are set out below. If your child displays any of these symptoms please contact NHS 111 for advice before sending them to school.

Signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in children can include:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Myalgia (muscle pain)
- Nasal congestion or rhinorrhea
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Poor appetite or poor feeding

I appreciate how disruptive this can be for families and work. However, I am sure you will agree, we all have a duty to combat COVID 19 and keep our schools as safe as possible.

For further information you may wish to read the Government guidance COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

If your child has to self-isolate the school will provide remote learning and regular contact.

Thank you for your continued support in supporting your child's education.

Yours faithfully

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