



Dear Parent/Carer

I write with further updates and reminders as we continue to welcome all of our students back to school.

Travel to and from school

Whilst currently our attention is of course focused on keeping everyone as safe as possible whilst COVID-19 remains a risk, it is also very important that our students stay safe when travelling to and from school. We have had a report this week of an adult approaching younger students on their way home that has been reported to the police. All students should go directly home at the end of the school day. We would encourage younger students to travel with a friend where possible and, if they are approached, to head directly to a safe space. This may mean returning to school, going home, or going to a public place like a shop, whichever is closest. Students should also always pay attention to road safety when crossing roads and should not walk in a big group along the pavement as this often means they or other pedestrians end up walking in the road. Face masks continue to be a requirement if using public transport.

Return to School

Our plans for the return of all students have so far been very successful and the phased start of term for different year groups has allowed us to identify and address ways to improve our arrangements for when the entire school is on site. We are very much looking forward to seeing the whole school full again next week.

The staggered start and end to the school day, along with staggered break and lunch and enhanced one-way system have meant less congestion and ensured corridors and communal areas are less congested than in previous years.

Please ensure that your child does not arrive at the School gates any more than 10 minutes before their allotted registration time. Please see the timings below:

| Year | Earliest arrival time | Registration |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 7, 8 | 08.05 | 08.15 |
| 9, 10 | 08.20 | 08.30 |
| 11, 12, 13 | 08.35 | 08.45 |

Arriving earlier than the allotted time causes congestion and additional mixing of year group bubbles.

At the end of the School day students must not gather and wait for friends or siblings. If they need to do this they should arrange for an alternative place well away from the School site and not on the busy pavements near the School.

Thank you for your support in ensuring students have known when to come to school in their PE kit.

Please note - students in 8X have PE on Monday and should come to school in their kit on their first day.

Meetings with parents

Due to the current situation parents/carers are unfortunately unable to attend the School site without prior appointment. Please do not enter the site without an agreed appointment. Wherever possible meetings will be held on the telephone or online using Microsoft Teams.

PSFA

The outstanding work of the PSFA Committee was naturally curtailed somewhat over the lockdown period, but I was very pleased that a successful secondhand uniform sale was able to be arranged during the summer holidays.

As explained on the PSFA website, the PSFA AGM is to be held on Monday, 5th October at 7pm and all parents are always invited. Please find a copy of the agenda [here](#) and a statement from the current Chair [here](#). The meeting would normally be held at the School but in the current circumstances it is being planned to be held online. With the current Chair standing down after many successful years of involvement there is a need for other parents to get involved. It would be particularly helpful for parents to come forward who have ideas about fund raising during these continued difficult times. If you would like an invite to the online meeting please complete this [form](#).

Uniform

If parents/carers are struggling to easily find items of uniform or PE kit the School is able to check PSFA secondhand stock if you let us know. A small donation to the PSFA would be appreciated.

Home learning

Please encourage your child to check their Microsoft Teams account to ensure that they complete their home learning and any homework assignments set this week. We are hopeful that there will soon be a solution that will inform parents and carers about the current assignments set for their child.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey
Head Teacher