



11 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of what has seemed a long, but productive first full week back. The students whom I have spoken to today are ready for the weekend, but appear to have enjoyed being back in school.

Teachers have been asked to remind students that during break times and when walking to school, social distancing of at least 1 metre, where possible, should be maintained. I would be very grateful if you could also speak to your son/daughter about this over the weekend.

Thank you to those students (Years 7-11) who have already sorted out inappropriate hair colouring. A reminder that by Monday, students must have natural hair colouring of one consistent colour.

Some parents have been asking about what should happen were a student in their child's class to show symptoms of COVID-19. If a child displays symptoms, then they are isolated in a special room at the school, a thorough clean is undertaken and the child is picked up by the family. It would then be essential for the family to seek medical advice and a test. If it proves impossible to get to a test centre, the School does have a small number of self-test kits which it can give to deserving cases according to our policy.

I would like to make it clear that self-isolation should only be happening if:

- Symptoms are being displayed by that individual and/or
- Medical advice is given by a trained professional e.g. Health Protection Team member through track and trace.

It is not appropriate to keep your child away from school if someone in their 'bubble' is sent home with symptoms. If it subsequently turns out that the child tests positive, the School has a robust way of helping the track and trace team to identify what are known as 'close contacts'. The team would then advise who should be self-isolating and whether or not that would include your son/daughter.

It is vital that we make every effort to bring attendance as close to 100% as possible.

Open Evening

The School has taken the prudent decision to not add additional risk to the school community which could be caused by running a face-to-face event. Therefore, we shall be holding a virtual Open Evening on Monday 28th September 2020.

Have a relaxing weekend

Yours faithfully

Kieron Smith
Headteacher