



12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and your child has enjoyed their return to school this first half term.

We have worked with Trade Unions and EACT to ensure that we are following Government guidance on how we will reopen this week. I am sure you will appreciate that this is not an easy task given all the restrictions placed upon us as an institution. However, we have tried to ensure that we meet all of the guidance and, although there are some small changes to the school day to accommodate these, they allow your child to return to school in a safe environment.

Following the guidance, we have ensured that key measures below have been implemented:

- Staggered starts to the day for all students
- Additional cleaning in canteen areas
- Reduced movement throughout the school day
- Staggered finishing times for all Year groups
- Hand sanitizer access points in classrooms and main areas
  
- No school bells to allow a 'flow' of students
- No large gatherings
- Plain face coverings are compulsory for all students and staff in communal areas (corridors, halls and canteen areas) unless they are medically exempt.

As parent/guardian it is essential that you support these measures and ensure that your child follows them on a daily basis in order help to reduce the risk of the Covid-19 virus spreading in our Academy. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AT SCHOOL WITH A FACE COVERING.** If your child persistently arrives at school without a face covering, sanctions will be put in place.

To reduce congregation of students in changing rooms for PE, students in Years 7-10 will be allowed to wear their PE kit on the day that they have a PE lesson. The Parker PE hoodie will be permitted on the days when your child has PE; should a student not own a Parker PE hoodie then they can wear their school jumper, school blazer or their outdoor coat over their PE kit. On days when the weather is unsettled, it is recommended that students bring a waterproof jacket. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM ON A DAILY BASIS.** If your child wears non uniform items of clothing sanctions will be put in place.

If you do have any specific questions, then please contact the following Heads of Year to discuss:

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Thank you for your continued support with this situation. It has been a very challenging period for us all as we now work to ensure all of our children can achieve the best outcomes possible.

Yours faithfully



Simon Cox