

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and looking forward to the reopening of school in September.

Throughout the summer break, preparation for the new term has been ongoing to ensure we can welcome students back safely and continue to provide a high-quality education.

As you would expect, we have had to make some changes to our normal routines and we ask that you read the following guide carefully with your child before we return to school. You can find this guide here. Being aware of these changes in advance, will support a smooth return to a school environment in which pupils and staff feel comfortable. You will also have access to some helpful videos via Microsoft Teams and our social media channels with more specific information on changes to "how students move around school" and new "queuing systems/locations" at lunch. Please rest assured, all of this information will be revisited with students on their first day back in school too.

We want to be clear that although we feel we have a well-structured and effective plan in place, we will need to be flexible and realistic about what is achievable. We have taken a number of very significant measures to ensure students remain safe and that we prevent the spread of COVID19. One of our key principles is that just because we cannot do something all of the time, it does not mean that we don't do it when we can. Every single action will help.

Please ensure your child is aware of the following measures they can take to help prevent the spread of COVID19.

- 1. Cleaning hands regularly throughout the day. Ideally santising hands before and after they change location.
- 2. Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach.
- 3. Maintaining a social distance from others where appropriate.

Above all, please make sure you do not send your child to school if they are showing any symptoms. Seek a test as soon as possible and keep the school informed of the outcome. Similarly, please make sure that you fully respect the government rules about quarantining if you have been on holiday in one of the affected countries and do let us know if your child cannot start school on time as a result.

Finally, click <u>here</u> for a link to Mr Williams' most recent letter. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school or if your child is especially vulnerable please make sure you let us know so we can work together to ensure any additional needs are met.

Kind Regards

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