



28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Changes to our Daily Arrangements**

We have started this year well, with students engaging in learning in all lessons.

It has been wonderful to observe our students in practical lessons, such as technology and science and seeing how much they gain from being able to engage in these subjects.

Our aim this year is to keep the school running in the way that it would normally, whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible. To this end, I have decided to alter some aspects of our routines in order to keep Covid cases as low as possible, for as long as possible.

I hope that you will see this precautionary step as one that can be supported. Hopefully, these measures will be short term and will be revised regularly.

### **From tomorrow, 29<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Entry and Exit to Site**

Year 7 – enter and exit the gate on Paxman Avenue, from 8.15am and leave at 3pm  
Year 8 – enter and exit the gate as usual on Walnut Tree Way, from 8.15am and leave at 3pm  
Year 9 – enter and exit the corner gate on Walnut Tree Way from 8.15am and leave at 3pm

Year 7 students are to wash hands and go directly to form rooms.

#### **Breaks and Lunchtimes**

These will be staggered by year group so that queues will not be so long. Each year group will have a separate indoor eating area.

#### **Year Group Assemblies**

These will no longer take place physically. Instead, they will take place virtually during form time in the morning.

## Face Masks/Coverings

All students should ensure that they have a face mask and also a plastic bag in which to place the covering when not in use. Students will continue to be required to wear face masks in communal areas.

Any visitors to the site will be required to wear a face mask.

## Clubs

We will be amending our club offer to make it year group specific. The new offer will be published before the end of this week.

These measures will be reviewed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

I would ask that you work with us so that we can reduce the risk of an increase in cases occurring in the school community.

In the meantime, if your child is identified through NHS Track and Trace as a close contact of a positive case you should book a PCR test for them, but they should continue to come into school until they receive their result.

Should your child have:-

- One of the three symptoms (new and continuous cough, high temperature, loss/change of taste/smell)
- A positive result from a lateral flow test

Please keep them off school, book a PCR test as soon as possible and contact the school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school office on 01206 671155.

Yours sincerely



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