

Monday 7 September 2020



In what has been a very busy few days it has been lovely to have all of the students back in school and today marks the first day since March where we have all of our students and staff back in school at the same time.

I want to take time to credit the students on the way that they have returned to school, they have come in with a smile and a willingness to get back to being part of our school community and continue with their learning.

The raft of measures we have taken to keep students as safe as we can, have been well respected by students and it is reassuring, but unsurprising, to see that they are all willing to do what is needed to look after each other. Because of the approach we have taken with students being in bubbles and movement controlled so there is as little interaction between year groups as possible, we are confident that the use of masks by students would not be beneficial and would perhaps have a detrimental effect on any possible transmission. As you are aware, but just as a reminder, that if anyone in your household has symptoms then everyone in the house should self-isolate in line with government guidance.

This term will look a little different in terms of our face to face interaction with parents but we plan to hold most of our usual events by video and would please ask that if there are any questions please do get in touch, in what will be different in terms of our normal interaction with parents and carers we are very keen this should continue albeit in a slightly different manner. Further details regarding plans for our “Open” Evening will follow shortly. Please keep an eye on the website for further developments.

You will soon receive a letter from Mrs Johnson in the school library about ways that we will continue to offer a library service to encourage pupils to read more widely. Mrs Johnson will ask students if there are any books they would like to read and we are very happy to purchase books we don't currently stock to support with students' reading. Please look out for this letter and encourage your children to use this service. Research always shows that students who read widely develop much better vocabulary and comprehension skills but importantly develop a love of reading and improve their understanding of the world around them.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for the way students have come back to school both in their approach to each other but also for the support regarding the uniform guidelines. As ever there are always a few individual issues but thank you to you all for supporting us in this and supporting other parents in removing the argument that other students not wearing uniform correctly can bring.

Best Wishes

Simon Martin