



23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wish to thank you for all your support, patience and encouragement as we go into October half term. Your willingness and engagement in this partial closure period since 12th October 2020 has been incredible and we have seen the vast majority of the school population accessing live lessons as part of their regular timetable from home. I do not underestimate the momentous effort that this has taken – I have been at home isolating from 17th October since my wife and I have both tested positive in the last week and to have three of our four boys consistently engaging and learning from home has been ‘frustrating, challenging and rewarding’ at the same time.

I sincerely hope that we have achieved our goal in creating a circuit break for the school and the community, and when we return for Monday 2nd November 2020 the school will be very clean and we can start again. Face masks must be worn when on the move – please help us enforce this and make sure that the students have a mask to hand at all time. All the school must use the huge number of sanitisers available in all buildings and classrooms, remembering to wash hands as often as possible. Staff will be keeping a 2 metre social distance in the classroom (a taped off area) and there will be a reinforced focus on appropriate social distanced behaviours for both staff and students throughout the school day, for example at break and lunch time.

It is exceedingly difficult to ‘police’ these moments in the school and we must rely on the school community to regulate themselves with reminders forthcoming in tutor periods and teaching episodes. At the end of each lesson students will be reminded to:

- Apply their face mask
- Sanitise hands
- Follow the one-way system
- Adhere to social distancing

The staff will be reminded at the beginning of each day and any members of staff seen as not following these strict regulations will be spoken to as we would with any student – it is serious and we want to mitigate risk as much as possible. To aid this risk mitigation we have invested further in cleaning personnel and increased hours for cleaners to spend longer in key areas which have multiple ‘touch point’s.

Please stay positive and safe, hopefully we will all get some mental and physical relaxation which will see us recharged for the run into the festive period. Thank you again for your positivity, energy and support. Your efforts, alongside many others is what makes our quest to stay safe and bring about greater opportunities and outcomes possible.

Yours with positivity,

Darren Turner
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