



June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that some of the restrictions will remain in place until 19th July 2021. This is to try to stop the spread of the new variant which appears to be more transmissible. While the vaccination programme will help, Public Health England are recommending that face coverings and socially distancing remain key ways in which we can stop the spread of the virus.

School Attendance

All school-age pupils should attend school provided they are not showing symptoms. They should continue to enter their zone through the doors they've used this academic year.

Parents/carers are reminded that the end of the school day is staggered.

Year 7 finish: 2.30pm

Years 8 and 10 finish: 2.40pm

Years 9, 11, 12 and 13 finish: 2.50pm

Year 11 should continue to follow their blended learning timetable as agreed.

School attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, pupils should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

We will continue to offer remote education through a blended approach including work on class charts.

Coronavirus testing

To help us keep everyone safe, we'll be offering rapid coronavirus testing to all our pupils and staff. They will be offered coronavirus tests that they should take twice a week at home. The school will provide these tests although many pharmacies are also providing lateral flow test kits free of charge upon request.

Face Coverings

This week we are, once again, encouraging all pupils to wear a face covering in classrooms, communal areas and corridors. This is in line with the latest local guidance for schools. Pupils are expected to provide their own face coverings. The school will have a contingent supply of face coverings. If there are reasons for exemption, please ensure your daughter's PPC is aware and they have a pink wristband.

Additional safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can attend school safely.

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- Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual for 20 seconds
- Ensure that there are plenty of hand sanitizing stations and that all pupils and staff sanitize as they arrive on site and regularly throughout the day
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often
- Continue to operate 'bubbles' to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible. For any lessons or activity that take place outside of the bubble, pupils are escorted safely by a member of staff
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated and ensure that there are regular opportunities for pupils to use outside space (at least break and lunchtime each day).

Please see our risk assessment on our website for further details.

You can help us further by supporting our procedures, such as:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave
- There will be two school buses running as usual; students are reminded that masks **MUST** be worn on all public transport
- A reminder that parents/careers/students should not gather at the school gate
- Parents/Careers will need to make an appointment if they need to come onto the school site.

Rules on what pupils can take to and from school, e.g.:

- Limiting the amount of equipment they bring to school to essentials like lunch boxes, bags, books and stationary
- Avoiding unnecessary sharing of items.

Procedures for keeping children safe in school, such as:

- Pupils will remain in their bubbles
- Clear markings are in place on corridors
- All staff and pupils will be reminded of hygiene measures such as hand-washing and the safe usage of masks
- Split lunches and break times support social distancing.

Information about uniform

Students should be in full school uniform.

School Meals

There will be hot and cold food available at lunch and break time for all students including those entitled to free school meals.

Additional support

The pandemic has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns, or if you think your child might need extra support, please get in touch with your child's PPC.

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We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home where this has been necessary. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Yours faithfully,

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