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Dear Parent / Guardian,

It was announced yesterday that it is the Department of Education's plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from Monday 8th March 2021. Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later. Lower academic achievement also translates into long-term economic costs due to having a less well-qualified workforce. This affects the standard of living that today's pupils will have over the course of their entire life.

While it is compulsory for pupils of school age to attend school, in order to help to keep our staff and pupils safe, we would also stress the importance of:

1. Self-isolating for 10 days if your child if they, or anyone they live with:
Develops any signs of COVID19, which are currently a continuous cough, high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell.
2. Self -isolating for 10 days if anyone in the household is instructed to by Test and Trace.
3. Self -isolating for 10 days if awaiting anyone in the household is a test result.
4. Self -isolating for 10 days if quarantined from travelling abroad.
5. Self-isolating for 10 days if testing positive for Covid-19.

Please inform the school and do not send your child into school in any of these situations. Any child displaying symptoms in school will be immediately isolated and parents must collect their child as a matter of urgency. The whole teaching group and their teachers will then be required to self-isolate.

To allow us to meet the Government guidelines for schools to reopen the arrangements issued in September 2020 will be reintroduced. This includes:

1. Producing an appropriately modified timetable, given the situation.
2. Allocating rooms
3. Staggering arrivals
4. Staggering breaks
5. Staggering lunch
6. Staggering departures
7. All the appropriate risk assessments

In addition to the changes listed below pupils may wear facemasks in the classroom as well as moving around school. Pupils who have returned consent forms will be tested in school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the first week. They will subsequently be tested every Monday and Thursday. If you have yet to complete the consent form, please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Kelly.

If you wish to use breakfast club then your child can only be dropped off between 7.45 and 8.30 (Room 9). No pupils can be admitted to breakfast club after 8.30.

Your child is in Year 11 and your arrival time will be between 9.30 and 9.40. Entry will be via the front door of 182 Manchester Road. Pupils will go directly to their Form room. Year 11 will be based in Room 14. Pupils will leave the school via the same route at 16.05. You are asked to maintain social distancing if you drop off or pick up your child at school.

Please adhere to these times to avoid other parents and bubbles. If you miss your time slot, then you must arrive after all the different bubbles have arrived, which is 9.45.

Parents are unable to enter the school premises.

All children will utilise hand sanitiser prior to entering the classrooms on all occasions. They will wash their hands prior to starting break and lunch. Year 11 will utilize the medical room toilet in 180 Manchester Road

Any items brought to school will remain in school, as referred to in the previous risk assessment. **This will negate the need to bring in school bags each day.** Pupils who bring in snacks and/ or packed lunch must do so in a disposable bag. Pupils are expected to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE.

Your child, as previously stated will be based in Room 12. All their possessions will be kept in this room. These must be kept to a minimum. They will have an individual desk at which they sit at during the rest of the term. Movement has been kept to a minimum. They will, however, need to utilise specialist rooms on occasions. Their timetable will be:

- 9.30 – 9.40 – arrival
- 9.40 - 11.40 – lessons
- 11.40 – 11.55 – break
- 11.55 – 13.15 – lessons
- 13.15 – 13.55 – lunch – this will be school meals or packed lunch and eaten in the Sports Hall
- 13.55 - 16.05 – lessons
- 16.05 – end of school day
- 16.05 – 18.00 – After school – outside whenever possible otherwise Room 8
- Breaks will be either on the 182/180 playground or weather permitting on the right side of the sports field. Wet breaks will be in their Form Room.

A detailed copy of the timetable can be found on the School Website.

Remote learning via Google Classroom will be provided for pupils who are self-isolating or if the school is forced to close due to local lockdowns. Homework will set via Google Classroom to prevent items being taken from and being brought back to school.

I thank you in advance for your continued support during these difficult times.

K Sartain

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