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Dear parent,

I hope you and your family have had a good summer break and that your child is looking forward to returning to school next week - whether coming back into a new year group or joining us as a new student. We certainly can't wait for the students to return and to begin the new school year in earnest.

Following the summer break and the government's relaxing of the national rules around Covid, we are looking forward to a much more normal school year ahead. As per the guidance, there are only limited measures in place - however we will continue with some measures to protect our school and local community as much as we can from Covid. As such:

- students will be required to continue to sanitise their hands on entry to any classroom environment
- they may be asked to clean the tables at the end of some of their lessons, before moving on
- Face coverings will not be required to be worn anywhere on the school site; however, should staff or students wish to continue to wear masks (in classrooms and/or in communal areas) they are welcome to do so

With regards travel to and from school on public transport, the DfE guidance states that "Wearing face coverings is no longer a legal requirement on public transport but the government expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. On dedicated transport we recommend that children and young people aged 11 and over continue to wear a face covering when travelling to secondary school or college."

As per my last letter, we look forward to welcoming Year 7 students on Monday, Year 11 students on Tuesday and all remaining students (Years 8-10) on Wednesday. After an initial extended tutor session on Tuesday and Wednesday, students will begin their normal timetables (issued during the extended tutor session) and as such, should come equipped for their lessons on their first day and wearing the correct uniform, including:

- the correct trousers (not tight fitting)
- appropriate school shoes (not trainers, canvas or shoes with logos)
- no visible facial or body piercings, including clear retainers (all should be removed for school)
- and no unnatural hair colours or severe hair cuts

We thank you in advance for continuing to support us in maintaining high expectations and standards for all our students as we enter the new school year.

Following the covid testing appointments and in-school tests next week, students with parental consent will be issued kits to continue twice-weekly home-testing Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) until at least the end of September, when the Government will review the policy. Please continue to log the results of these on the NHS website (as per the guidance in the packs), though there is no longer a need to log these on the school Googleform. Please simply inform us if your child tests positive on an LFT and/or PCR test.

We will be in touch again in the coming weeks, regarding the activities on offer for the students this coming year, as well as parents' evenings and other events taking place.



We look forward to seeing you soon at one of the many events we have planned. In the meantime, please encourage any friends and family whose children will be moving onto Secondary school in September to come along to our Open Evening on Thursday 23 September and/or attend one of our tours for prospective students and their parents, starting on Monday 20 September up until half term (Thursday 21 October).

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Gibbins
Head of School