



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by reminding you that Year 7 are the only students in school on Wednesday 2nd September (tomorrow). Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Staggered start and finish

Please be reminded that the start of the school day is between 8:50am and 9am. We are asking that students remain in their transport until a member of staff have welcomed them on to the school premises. Please make sure that you follow the direction of the member of staff as this is part of our attempt to reduce large numbers of students gathering and ensure that social distancing takes place as much as possible. On arrival students will have their temperature taken and hands sanitised/washed before entering their tutor base. The school day ends at 3pm prompt and this will be a staggered exit within their key stage bubbles.

Uniform

All students are expected to wear full school uniform.**

Face masks

The government guidance doesn't recommend the use of face coverings in school because of its impact on learning unless the local rate of infection increases. It also clearly states that face coverings should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. However if individual students feel safer wearing a mask they can do so as this is at the parents' discretion. They will need to wear a clean mask each day and have a spare mask with them if the mask gets wet/damp. A clean zip lock type bag must be brought from home to store the mask in when they are not wearing it.

The full guidance on face masks can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Visitors to the school, including parents will be asked to wear a mask should they need to come on to the school site.

Lunch

As you are already aware, Innovate is the new lunch provision at The Park. Lunches will now be prepared off site and then served at school. Students will be eating their lunches in the hall. This term to ensure that we maintain social distancing there will be two sittings in the hall.

Reminder: Meals will need to be ordered by **midnight on Saturday evening** so that Innovate has the information for the following week. Innovate does not have a system to order meals during the week and therefore meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. For ease, I have attached the menu and



other sign up details to this letter which is the same information that was sent out to you on the 27th August.

If you have not already signed your child up for lunch this week, they will need to bring a packed lunch to school on Thursday and Friday.

Lunch for FSM students

If your child is Free School Meals you still need to sign up for lunch in the same way as detailed above. However, if you have not already done so then you must contact the school so that we can arrange lunch for your child this week - this will not be a hot lunch.

We recognise there are several changes but we will continue to do our best to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

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