

Dear parents/carers,

Today we have welcomed back 93% of our students to school. Whilst the arrangements have been very different to a 'normal' school day, students and staff have worked together to ensure the new working arrangements are as effective as possible. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that:

- Facemasks are not to be worn in classrooms
- For a short period of time, some students have been permitted to wear non uniform tops whilst they await the arrival of their uniform, however no coats are to be worn in lessons
- Whilst we are being patient with students whose dyed hair is growing out, no jewellery or mobile phones are to be seen during school hours
- Students are to arrive on site at their designated time (and not earlier):  
Year 7 - 8.30a.m.  
Year 8 - 8.30a.m.  
Year 9 - 8.40a.m.  
Year 10 - 8.40a.m.  
Year 11 - 8.50a.m.  
Year 12/13 - 8.50a.m.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Mr C Bennet  
Head Teacher

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all the support you are giving to both the school and your children. I appreciate that waking up young people who have not needed to be at school for months can be a challenge.

The feedback we are receiving from everyone is really useful. As a result we are:

- Altering lunchtime arrangements – our ‘staggered’ lunchtime is now 3 hours long (it normally is only 30 minutes|!)
- We will open more entrances to the school
- Students will be informed of where they can eat their packed lunch. We are still waiting for the picnic tables we ordered to be delivered. But, like we all need to be, we have to be patient and continue to wait for their arrival
- Students are reminded that they can bring in a snack / water to consume during breaktime as there is no access to the canteen during this time

Later this week I am meeting again with identified students whom I have asked to consider how we can improve their experience of school so that we can keep them safer/deliver even more effective lessons. It is with regret that a few of our students are not complying with our new rules and are potentially putting themselves and others at risk. These students, if they continue to fail to comply, will be educated offsite under the responsibility of their parents for a significant period of time.

Two questions arise frequently:

- Social distancing

This is not expected within a year group as stated clearly within the Government’s guidance. Staff are expected to remain 2m away from students and each other unless a student is at risk of harm. This also makes it hard to appropriately support students in the classroom.

- Arrival at school

Please ensure your child arrives on time and not early (yes, I am sating this!) and that they do not congregate on the way to school. It is not for the school to ensure this, but for students to be responsible for their own actions.

I do not intend to send daily updates, but I will be in contact with you as appropriate.

Please keep safe and well,

Christopher Bennet