

# Parent Update

21 August 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

I'm delighted to say that our first full week in school has gone well. Students are doing brilliantly in following the enhanced hygiene procedures and teachers are finding that they are engaging well in their learning. Mr Small would like to particularly thank the parents of our S1 students for their support during this year's alternative transition. He has taken great delight in getting to know all of his new year group in person this week.

Teachers are continuing to use Teams as a way of issuing and receiving homework, partly because it is another way to reduce the risk of spreading the virus and partly because it proved to be such a successful forum during lockdown. All class Teams pages should be fully set up within the next week and your child will be able to show what they are doing on this. Reports and parents' evenings tend to be our main way of keeping you informed of your child's progress and we are currently working on a revised reporting format, following recent feedback from parents and the current restrictions on parent/teacher meetings. I will give your further information on this in due course.

## Staffing

We have had a number of staffing changes since we were last in school. Ms Sharp from the Maths department and Mrs McGhie from the Home Economics department retired in June, whilst Mrs Culbert began her maternity leave. I'm delighted to welcome the following new teachers, some of whom joined us during lockdown:

Mr O' Donnell – PT English

Miss Fraser - Chemistry

Ms Smith – English

Mrs Pfeiffer - DMG

Mrs Grigor – Support

Mr Wilson - Computing

Mr McConville – Maths

Miss McGurl - Maths

Miss Cunningham - History

## Parking Around the School

I understand that there may be some anxiety around your child walking to school and a number of parents are opting to drop their child off in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day. Whilst this is perfectly acceptable, we have had concerns raised by local residents that some parents are blocking streets and parking on pavements. I would ask that, should you be driving your child to and from school that you do so responsibly and remain sensitive to the needs of the local residents.

## Reminder of Covid 19 Prorocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

***If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.***

Should you have any concerns around your child's health and wellbeing or learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

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Head Teacher