



Message from Mr Maltby

5th November 2020

Good morning,

The school received updated advice from the DfE yesterday afternoon and, in response, we sent immediate and important guidance to parents and carers regarding any students who are clinically extremely vulnerable. For the remainder of our school population our school remains open as normal.

Whilst ensuring the need for confidentiality, I think it important that I also inform you that some members of our workforce will also shield at this time of national lockdown. The school is working creatively to ensure we minimise impact of this on our students, including the use of live remote teaching as appropriate.

The school is also updating its Risk Assessment and this updated version will be available on our website. From Monday, there will be an expectation that all students and staff wear a face covering at all times that they are moving around the school; unless they are exempt from wearing a face covering. I request that you ensure that your child brings into school a face mask, unless they are exempt, together with a clear plastic bag in which it should be kept when not worn. Face masks will not be worn in classrooms or when students are outside where social distancing is easier to be maintained.

Further changes to our lunchtime will include an indoor area in each zone where students will be able to eat lunch for the first half of lunch only; unless, of course, it is a 'wet lunch' in which case they will remain indoors throughout lunchtime. The school is also enhancing its hot food provision at this time, which is available to order from Monday 9th November onwards.

For families of two households, I have offered student lockers to support. Students are not changing after PE due to the difficulty of maintaining social distance whilst indoors and changing, however, if you would like your child to be provided with additional changing facilities over the winter period then please can you inform the school on the email address below and I will ensure that additional provision is arranged. Students are allowed to wear tracksuits on those days when they have PE; however, I do want to reiterate that if students do not have PE they should be wearing a school jumper and not a hoodie throughout the school day; including break and lunch.

I have arranged that in every classroom the windows which are to remain open to enable ventilation, are clearly marked whilst also ensuring that students are not sat in cold classrooms with an excessive number of windows being kept open.

The school has also now received a significant increase to its outdoor seating provision; which I ordered some weeks ago. This seating will provide additional outdoor spaces for our students to sit on during break and lunch.

I want to end my email by reiterating that I take my duty of care very seriously and I want to thank you for your continued support. I remain certain that we will navigate this national pandemic together as single and strong community.

I wish you all a great weekend.

Tom Maltby
Headteacher