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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I would like to start this letter with a huge Thank You! The boys have taken all of the changes with coming back to school in their stride and have quickly got used to the many different systems that we have had to make to their school week. Parents have been incredibly supportive with the staggered times and keeping up to speed with the vast amount of information that has been sent your way. The staff have adapted incredibly well to these new working conditions. I sincerely thank you all for your support.

Whilst good routines are being established, and things are starting to feel more 'normal' at school, it is important for us all to continue with good hygiene, including handwashing. We made tissues and hand sanitisers part of basic equipment this year, and this needs continue please. Social distancing continues to happen between adults and students in school, and year groups are still kept apart.

We have been lucky with the weather so far, which has enabled us to line the students up in the playground safely and keep year groups apart. Of course, once the weather changes, it will be a challenge without the use of these large outdoor areas. If the weather is bad, it will be more important than ever that your son/ward arrives at school strictly in his allocated time slot.

It is completely understandable for parents/carers to be worried if your son/ward develops a cough. The cough, which is a symptom of COVID is a dry cough which is persistent and doesn't produce phlegm. There is often an associated barking or coarse sound. Please follow the flowchart on our website for further advice.

Due to the lack of COVID tests, it is inevitable that sooner or later there will be some disruption in our school. We will try to keep this to a minimum. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and alongside this, to ensure the best possible learning experiences and opportunities for your son.

Uniform continues to be good, and we expect these high standards to continue. One of the challenges is knowing which year group every student is in, so we have ordered lapel badges for every student in Year's 7-10. When they arrive, students will need to wear their badge on their blazer so that we can quickly identify a student's year group. When the badges arrive, we will distribute to all students to place on their blazers and it will be vital they are worn daily – even with a PE kit as previously notified. It is so important that we can identify all students quickly and the badged blazer will help us do this and ensure year group bubbles do not cross. Year 11 are a smaller year group, are well known to staff, wear silver ties and will not require a badge, but it is still important they wear their blazer on kit days please.

I would also like to thank parents who took the time to complete the survey, which was overwhelmingly positive. Both myself and the senior leadership team will be examining all comments made and will come back to you if you raised a specific query.

I continue to meet with the Headteachers of our trust schools every week and review our plans. Clearly if something is not working or safety is being compromised in any way, we may change things. You will continue to receive twice weekly letters on Monday and Thursday to advise you of any changes and to keep you fully informed.

Please make sure you are following our social media pages on Facebook and twitter, it has been a pleasure seeing photos of the boys back in school again and we also share regular updates on these pages.

My sincere best wishes to you all,



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