



3rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Sixth Form Updates

As you will be aware, we are regularly reviewing our control measures aimed at minimising the risk of transmission of Coronavirus. Although we are awaiting government updates following the announcement of a new national lockdown we have taken the decision to make three changes to our current practices for sixth form students. Our intention is that these will further reduce risk whilst not having a detrimental impact on opportunities to learn.

Update 1

From Wednesday 4th November, students MUST sign out and leave the school site immediately after their final lesson of the day (any individual exceptions must be agreed with Ms Ledwidge and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances). This means that **we are no longer expecting them to stay for afternoon registration if they do not have a lesson period 5.**

If they have a lesson period 6, but not period 5, then they should not stay on-site for lunch or registration but just arrive for their period 6 lesson.

We must ensure that the important messages shared in our tutor programme are not lost and so **we expect students to join their tutor sessions via Microsoft Teams on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. If a student does have a lesson period 5 then we would expect them to be present in-person for their afternoon registration on that particular day.**

The purpose of this change is to reduce the need for students to stay on-site during lunchtime and, therefore, reduce social interactions.

Update 2

From Thursday 5th November, as a result of the new national restrictions, we will no longer allow students to leave and return to the site during lunchtime (to purchase food, for example). This means that, if a student is on site at lunchtime due to having a period 5 lesson, then they must come with their lunch or be ready to purchase food from the sixth form canteen, remembering that it is now a cashless service. The purpose of this change is to support students in adhering to the national guidelines of only being out of the house for essential purposes.

Update 3

With immediate effect ALL of our students are being encouraged to wear masks during lessons. This is an addition to our existing expectation that they are worn in communal areas and when moving around the site. Students will not be sanctioned if they decide not to wear a mask in class and there may be times during a lesson when the learning dictates that it is not a suitable measure but, when possible, we believe it is a measure that can further reduce risk. For your information, all other year



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groups are being encouraged to wear masks during lessons and teachers are also being invited to wear them whilst teaching.

Reminder: Remote access to lessons via Microsoft Teams is only available for those students who have been asked to self-isolate. It is not available as an alternative to attending lessons in-person for other students. We are not able to make any exceptions to this.

As with all of our measures, we will review these new procedures regularly and welcome feedback from parents, carers and students alike. Again, thank you for your support with helping our very responsible sixth form students to follow guidance aimed at keeping us all safe.

Yours sincerely

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