



23rd August 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to be back in school and our teachers are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back in the coming days. Details of some very positive changes to the current guidance were shared by Mr. Horne last week and later today you will receive the ADEK form which need to be completed to enable your son / daughter to attend school next week. In this letter you will find details relating to the start of term in the Secondary School.

Orientation Day – Thursday 26th August

Orientation Day is an excellent opportunity for the students to reacquaint themselves with their Form Tutor and with their friends. Orientation will take place entirely online via Teams meetings which will be set up by form Tutors with links sent directly to the students' school email address. For new students, these links will be sent to the parents' email address.

Between 9am and 11am on Thursday, all students who are new to the school will have the opportunity to meet their new Form Tutor and to discuss any questions or concerns that they have. Between 11:30am and 1pm, whole Form Groups will convene together during an allocated year group time, allowing new and existing students to mix online and to get to know each other in advance of Sunday's first day of term.

Day One - Sunday 29th August

Like last year, each year group will have their own entry point, exit point and times for drop off and collection. Please refer to the map which shows entry and exit points and can be found [here](#).

You will have seen that all students over the age of 16 must have begun their 'vaccination journey' in order to enter the school site. Please note that if your son or daughter is in Year 11, this also applies to them as they approach their 16th birthday.

Distance Learning

Distance learning will only be available to students over the age of 16 who are not yet on their vaccination journey or to students who are affected directly by Covid. Students with non-Covid related illnesses for example will not be allowed to attend lessons remotely.

Face to face teaching

The regulations allow greater flexibility in how we teach but there are certain restrictions and regulations that do still apply.

- Students must wear a mask at all times and have a spare
- Students must bring their own hand sanitizer and wash their hands regularly
- Students must socially distance at all times and be at least 1 metre apart



- Students must bring their own class equipment (teachers are not permitted to hand out equipment such as pens and pencils)
- Students must also bring their own food and two full water bottles
- Social distancing of 1 metre must be observed in all classrooms and where there are too many students for the class to be safe, overflow rooms will be used. Students should therefore continue to bring a laptop and headphones to school
- We are pleased that the current regulations allow us to introduce adapted PE lessons and after school clubs. More information will follow regarding this.

Buses

There are further changes to the regulations regarding the use of buses. There was a delay for the bus companies in getting drivers back into the country. Which means unfortunately that it is not possible to operate buses during the first week of term. I understand this causes a challenge for many families and want to reassure you that the school is doing all it can to ensure that the service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Finally, please be reminded that all the usual safety provisions remain in place. Students are reminded to take responsibility for their own health and the health of others at this time – if they feel unwell in any way, they should make this known to their parents or to their teachers if they are in school. Students should not attend school at all if they have a cough, sore throat, fever, a high temperature, shortness of breath or a runny nose.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact your Form Tutor. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Lowe
Head of Secondary