



18th April 2021

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Carers,

Start of term bulletin

We hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable Easter break and are now ready for the final term of what has been a phenomenal year.

Following the government announcement and updated DfE advice issued on April 6th 2021, we thought it helpful to share some reminders for starting back tomorrow.

Covid procedures:

- Our systems of controls to minimise risks remain in place for the start of term with a collective focus on 'hands, face and space' as the priority for all. Keep sanitizing, bring and wear a face covering for indoor spaces and keep socially distanced where it is possible to do so.
- In addition, separate driveways for year groups, class and year group bubbles, staggered lunchtimes and other measures will all remain in operation until at least May 17th.
- We hope to adapt and modify our systems in line with the government's roadmap and we will update students, staff, parents and carers as and when these flexibilities are possible:

DfE information issued on April 6th 2021

Face coverings in schools and colleges to remain in place

The government has today, Tuesday 6 April, confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break. This cautious approach will help limit the risk of transmission and enable continued monitoring of the effect of school and college returns, as twice weekly testing is established and embedded in pupil's routines.

It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at Step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than Monday 17 May. At that point the next stage of easements, including increased social contact indoors, will be confirmed following a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates. It will also allow time for the vaccination programme to reach everyone in priority groups one to nine with their first dose before any change is committed.

All changes will be confirmed with one week's notice and all other safety measures will remain in place, including regular asymptomatic testing, smaller group bubbles, increased hygiene, ventilation, and social distancing where possible.

- Staff and students will need to carry out a lateral flow test before they return to school tomorrow. We need to be notified of any positive test results via this telephone number: **07890 319042**
- Staff and students will also need to log their results with the NHS, following the instructions in the box, and with the school using this link:
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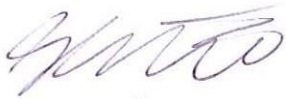
Other reminders:

- Prompt start and arrive on time tomorrow please: 08.30am for local students to be with their Form Tutors, 8.40am at the latest for bus students to be in form rooms
- Full uniform is expected, particularly now that students and parents have had sufficient time to replace and update any missing items. Please speak with Form Tutors if there are any matters not yet resolved
- All students in years 7/8/9 need an appropriate reading book suited to their ability in school every day
- All students should bring a full water bottle to school to stay hydrated through the day
- HPV Vaccination Day Tuesday 20th April 2021 - On Tuesday 20th April we will be hosting a vaccination service which will involve around 450 students, mainly from Years 7 & 8. Those families involved will have received a letter via email.

We are all looking forward to a safe return to school tomorrow.

Take care.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher