



Headteacher: Mr David Graham

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Dear Parents and Carers

I continue to be so impressed with how students and staff are coping with these most challenging times. As you know, we have introduced a variety of COVID measures and I have been overwhelmed with how positively everybody has responded. Our students have been hugely respectful and mature in the manner in which they have returned to school and settled into the new routines. I am pleased to inform you that our school attendance has remained high despite these challenging times and we have not yet had to ask a year group to isolate. Of course, we would take necessary measures to do so should we need to in the future. In the event of the school having to action remote learning, we have developed a protocol for whole year groups, or individual children in the event of self-isolation being required.

Our learning zones continue to be effective in providing a safe and secure First Class environment that allows students to access a full and broad curriculum. I am delighted to have received so many positive comments including one recently from an experienced school Governor who commented that they had experienced a calm, safe and purposeful environment where all students were actively engaged. In addition to this, our regular health and safety audit from the Trust Health and Safety Consultant took place for which we received a glowing report on our school Covid protocols.

As you will be aware, we surveyed students, parents and carers during the lockdown period to ascertain views with regards to our remote learning provision. On the whole, feedback was very positive with Satchel One (formally Show My Homework) cited as a useful platform for setting work especially because it enables adults to support their children at home. Our KS3 and KS4 Remote Learning timetables were highlighted as giving students the structure and normality they needed whilst also allowing freedom to complete work at their own pace. The majority of students and parents also found the pitch of work set 'just right' with many finding teacher instruction clear and easy to follow.

One area of development was the request for either live or recorded lessons. Due to Trust policy, safeguarding and GDPR issues, we cannot live stream lessons however we will endeavour to include some recorded aspects of lessons should a whole year group be required to self-isolate.

Please find attached our updated remote learning protocol and timetable alongside a list of our remote learning websites, should you require them.

I do hope this information is informative and valuable, please rest assured we continue to work tirelessly to support your children to provide them with a First Class environment in which they can safely learn and thrive regardless of external pressures or restraints.

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Please continue to support the school by ensuring your child has a face mask and hand sanitiser and encourage social distancing towards adults and students outside of their year group, regularly using hand sanitiser and wearing a face covering when outside the classroom.

We are extremely grateful for your parental engagement and support with returning our students safely back to school.

Yours faithfully

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