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10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please read the following information regarding the return to school for Year 8 pupils from Friday 19th March 2021.

The School Day

Year 8 pupils will only attend School on a rota of half classes to accommodate for greater social distancing and hopefully provide as safe an environment as we can design. Year 8 pupils will continue to follow their current timetable when learning in School and at home. The rota of half year groups is organised alphabetically (Surname: A-J = **Group A** / K-Z = **Group B**)

Please see the table below which indicates the days pupils attend:

	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Floor 2					8A	8B		8A		8B

The School day will start at 8:30am. The transport arrangements for pupils using school buses will be the usual times as previously stated in the Autumn Term. When pupils arrive at the school they need to enter through the middle doors on the outside of the building and proceed to the Floor 2 classrooms which have been allocated for Year 8. If there are any changes to the above, I will direct pupils to the appropriate classroom/area as they arrive on Friday/Monday morning. The School day will finish at 2:15pm.

COVID-Secure School Measures

When your child returns to school, we will continue to implement COVID-secure measures in accordance with the relevant government guidelines. This includes the expectation that masks are to be worn on school transport, in all public areas within the school building and in the classroom. Should your child be exempt from wearing a face covering for medical reasons, we kindly ask that you inform myself. Hand sanitiser will be available on every entry and exit into the building as well as in each teaching area. Pupils will also be reminded that hand washing is extremely important throughout the school day.

School Uniform and Equipment

A decision has been made that pupils will not have to wear school uniform for the two weeks before Easter. PE kit may be worn to School on the days that the pupils have PE lessons. Further information

regarding the school uniform will follow for the summer term. Please can you ensure that your child brings the correct equipment needed for the School day. It is also advised, if possible, for the pupils to bring in an electronic device, laptop or tablet, which can be used for teaching purposes during lessons.

Lunch

There will be no food provision on site during the two week phased return period. Pupils will require a packed lunch on the days they attend school.

HWB Key Workers

The School's Hwb childcare provision for the children of key workers will continue for those parents who are already registered, with the hours now being adjusted to between 8:15am and 2:15pm to coincide with the normal school day. This provision will now be situated in the LRC.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Watkins
Head of Year 8