

Spring 2020 Update

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the Spring term can I thank all the parents and carers that ensure our students are well presented and look professional and ready for work every day.

Can I also remind all that hoodies, pouches and sports footwear are not acceptable in school.

A full range of our uniform is available from Clive Mark in Boldmere and Trutex in Erdington.

The high standard of presentation is one of the reasons we have become the school of choice for the local area and am pleased to say that we have agreed with the City to continue to expand by 60 students in every year group. To support this, we are currently in the planning phase of a new building with an additional six Science labs and two Drama studios.

Coronavirus

As I am sure you are aware currently the world is experiencing an unprecedented situation in relation to Covid-19. I am in daily contact with the Trust Executive, Public Health England and our Cleaning company. I can assure you that all steps advised by all these bodies have been put in place and urge all staff and parents to follow the advice given by Public Health England and continue with life in as normal way as possible until other advice is given, until then School remains open and I would direct all to the websites below:

Action Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for Educational Settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

How to Wash your Hands properly:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

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Any students with underlying health conditions need to seek medical advice and parents need to then make an appropriate decision and if absent inform the school.

Incidents after School

Some parents may be aware of some isolated incidents of concern after school, these have involved street muggings and incidents of violence. The incidents involve young people and adults, some known to the school and some unknown, these individuals are not members of the school community, some of these are in our school uniform and other school's uniform to make identification difficult.

As a school we are working with the Police in providing assistance and have asked the Police for a greater presence around the area after school. Our advice to parents, carers and students remains the same:

- Students when finishing school need to go straight home
- Headphones are not advised, nor is changing into expensive trainers when off the school site
- We do not advise students to wait or spend time on Erdington High Street or by the Bromford Chip Shop.

Much of this is a matter for the Police and as such I am unable to give specific details. Keeping our students safe in school and enabling them to recognise the dangers and keep themselves safe out of school is always our first priority; the school has a long established culture of working with the Police in dealing with external issues along with having regular Knife Arches in school, wand searches and working with other outside agencies regarding gangs, drugs and other anti-social issues.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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S.Mallett
Head of Academy