

October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we draw to the end of the first half term back it has been fantastic to have all students back. The attendance so far this year has been 96% with only a small amount of disruption to student's education due to Covid 19. This has been down to the rigorous systems and processes we have established in school and your support in ensuring students know the importance and attend school with a face mask.

Next week is half term, we hope students enjoy the break, but please remind them they need to stay safe and observe the Covid safety measures. School will reopen to students on Monday 2nd November. All the school dates for this year can be found on the school website.

Can I remind you of a few elements that will help us ensure the school runs effectively:

Start times - we have two staggered start times, 8:30 am and 9:20 am, can you ensure students are in school on time and not arrive too early.

When students finish school can you please insist that they return straight home, students should not be spending time socialising and having additional unnecessary contacts.

Parking or stopping is not permitted on the yellow lines outside the front to school, can you please support to ensure that it is safe for students when leaving school.

We insist and maintain high standards of uniform, can you ensure students have appropriate nail and hair colours, students will be sent home to address if not appropriate. Caps, pouches and hoodies are also not permitted on site and need to be stored out of sight in bags, further details regarding uniform can be found on our school website.

We have two key principles that we use to simplify our behaviour strategy: "No Touching Policy" and "First Time, Every Time" both these easy to understand phrases help ensure smooth running of the school and maximising time spent on learning. No Touching Policy is in place as play fighting or jostling in busy spaces can unfortunately at times lead to injuries. First Time, Every Time is in place to ensure no learning time is wasted. Staff are best placed to make decisions to ensure the best progress of students and as such students need to follow staff's instructions first time.

Over the past week we have been celebrating Black History Month and Careers week. Over the coming year we will continue to try and balance how we recognise and mark key important events, while also ensuring everyone stays safe. Early next term we will be contacting home with details on how parents' evenings will operate for the year.

Thank you for all for your support.

Yours sincerely



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