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## **Students Returning to School**

## Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have managed to have a good summer. I have waited until today to confirm the plans for the return of students because there have been so many changes to the guidance over the summer, as I am sure you are aware. This letter includes a summary of the information that I sent you on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Students will return to school on the following days:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Year 7 only
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September All year groups.

## What are the arrival and departure arrangements?

- Year 7 must arrive between 8am and 8.20am and dismissal is at 3pm
- Years 8 & 9 must arrive between 8.15 am and 8.35 am and dismissal is at 3pm
- Years 10 & 11 must arrive between 8.40 am and 8.55am and dismissal is at 3.30pm

The new gates at the front of school will not be open to students before 8am.

### Travelling to school and back to home.

- Avoid using public transport if at all possible and not gather in groups.
- Cycling is encouraged
- If you have to drop your child off by car, please remain in your car at all times and; if possible arrange to meet them away from the main entrance to school. You are not allowed to drive through the gates at the front of school.
- Students should leave the site as quickly and sensibly as possible and not gather in large groups.
- Siblings who need to meet up to walk home should arrange a meeting place outside the school gates.

### Arriving at school and the classroom

- Remove face mask if wearing one and dispose of or, put in a separate bag to take home for washing
- Sanitise their hands then take their designated seat and get their equipment out.

### What do students need to bring with them?

• Students should bring with them any exercise books they have at home and any other work materials

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- They must also bring their own pens and pencils and a filled water bottle (students will not be able to drink from fountains, but will be able to fill up their bottles). Students will all be given their own water bottle on the first day of school which they will name and should bring in every day.
- Students are expected to wear their usual school uniform in full.
- On days when students have a PE lesson, they should come to school wearing their PE kit and additional sports clothing, not their usual school uniform they will wear this all day.
- A packed lunch or make sure that they have money on their Squid account for lunch.

# What other measures have we put in place in school?

Throughout the day students will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly. Each classroom will have hand sanitiser, tissues and bins with lids as well as seating to reflect social distancing. We will do everything possible to enforce social distancing at all times and will expect students to do the same. There will be signage around school and in all classrooms to remind students of this.

# What about facemasks?

There has been an update from the government regarding facemasks. However there is no significant change to my previous letter. Face masks remain optional in communal areas unless there is a local lockdown.

A huge amount of work has gone into ensuring that the year group bubbles can be maintained and so there is no need for students and staff to wear face masks in communal areas. If someone does choose to wear one in school, it must be a different one to the one they wore on the way to school and they will need multiple facemasks for when they remove them during the day. Any facemask that is removed will need to be disposed of or stored away in a bag and if another one is being worn it **must be** a fresh one.

# What do I do if I have any questions?

If you have queries, you can either email us on office@lhea.org.uk or call the school on 01753 691583. It will remain the case that if your child is unwell you should not send them into school and if they display Covid-19 symptoms and have been in school you must inform us straight away.

Thank you for your support during this challenging time. We are really looking forward to seeing your children in school again and bringing our school back to life.

Best wishes

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