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Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

UPDATE NO. 19

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to provide a further update regarding your child's part time return to school from Monday 15th March to Thursday 1st April.

We are delighted to welcome our young people back into the building to continue with their education. I would like to thank parents for supporting this process.

Key information can be found in the following links :

[**BLENDED LEARNING MODEL**](#) [**HEAD TEACHER UPDATE 18 - Wb 8th March**](#)

This information has also been communicated to pupils through email.

COVID arrangements

All previously introduced safety arrangements will be reinstated with the following additions :

- Pupils are expected to maintain 2m physical distancing at all times. (1m on school transport)
- Pupils are expected to wear a face covering when in the building and on school transport. As per government guidance, face masks should be at least two, and preferably three layers.
- Asymptomatic Testing programme ([LINK](#)) is available to all senior pupils (S4-S6)

Health and Wellbeing of our young people

- This is of paramount importance. Staff are very aware of the difficulties and stresses this most recent lockdown have brought onto our young people and families. Please be assured your child will be fully supported during this transition back into classroom learning. Over the coming weeks there will be provision within our SE programme to continue to focus on promoting resilience and positive mental health.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

Learning and Teaching

- Over the past week, staff have been working hard to develop a programme of blended learning. Although our approach will be different from previous weeks, staff will continue to post a summary of work for the week ahead onto pupil teams pages, including a brief note for parents through the Satchel one app. You will also receive a weekly note of your child's engagement through this app. I would ask for your support and understanding over this period of time as staff and pupils engage in this new approach.

Key Worker / Vulnerable learners HUB

- Provision for key worker families and vulnerable learners will continue for eligible pupils.

Canteen

- The canteen will continue to offer a "grab and go" lunch service. To ensure 2m distancing, staggered entry times will be required across the 50min lunch break. To help, I would ask, where possible, your child brings a packed lunch.

Uniform

- Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform on return. As classroom windows will be open to ensure ventilation, I would recommend that pupils wear a jumper. Please can I ask that this is black in colour as per uniform policy. No hoodies please.

Finally, thank you for your patience and continued support at this time. As always, I am available to discuss any issues you may have.

Yours sincerely

Alan Taylor
Head Teacher

