

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close our first full week back, I would like to take the opportunity to write to you with a few updates.

We have returned to a full school for the first time since March and life is looking a little different now. There are many new routines and procedures in place and I have been extremely pleased with the way things have gone over the first ten days, so want to thank you for your support and understanding in helping us get back on such a positive footing. Whilst we are doing things differently, it is very obvious that the spirit of the school is very much intact and it has been a pleasure to see staff and pupils enjoying being back to a degree of normality, enjoying each other's company and getting on with the business of learning.

As we move forward, can I remind you of our requirements around uniform. Pupils have come back looking very smart overall and it has been very encouraging to see our young people committed to looking their best and taking a pride in their appearance.

However, I would like to focus on getting a few things right over the coming weeks. Firstly, please ensure that your child has the correct footwear for school. We do not allow trainers or footwear with logos. If pupils arrive at school without the correct shoes, they will be asked to change into some pumps which we will supply for a day or we will call you to request that you bring some shoes into school. Secondly, please do not allow your child to come to school with piercings other than a single plain stud in each ear lobe. Hoop or drop-style earrings, piercings in other parts of the ear or facial piercings of any other sort should be removed before coming to school. Pupils who do attend with other piercings will be asked to remove them and the jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Thirdly, if your child chooses to wear a skirt to school, this should be pleated, and trousers should be tailored. Tight-fitting stretchy skirts or leggings are not acceptable. Finally, we will ask pupils to remove any make-up they may have on when they arrive at school. Please ensure that your child does not have make-up on when they come to school or bring it in to school to be applied during the school day.

I do understand that the last few months have resulted in financial difficulties for some families and I am conscious that we have a duty to support those affected as far as we can. With this in mind, if you would like to discuss obtaining the correct uniform for your child, please contact school and speak to a member of staff. We will do all we can to help solve any issues.

It will be a busy time ahead as we get back to the school routine, and we will keep you posted of our plans for communicating with you via parents' evenings and other events as we move forward over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Dr Nick Walmsley

