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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we are nearing the end of a challenging half term after a long school closure, I am delighted to report that it has been an absolute pleasure watching how the staff, students and parents at Hodge Hill Girls' School have worked together as a community to make the school as safe and welcoming as possible.

We would like to thank you all for the support you are giving to your daughter as we all try to ensure that they are able to continue with their learning as best as possible during this continued unprecedented time. If you need further support this can be obtained by accessing:

<https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding>

To ensure the smoothest possible start to the next half-term we kindly request that you re-familiarise yourself with our Policies and Procedures. These can be found on the school website and the pupil/parent Covid handbook link.

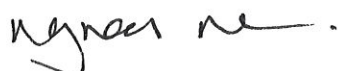
- Jewellery – we allow one plain stud in the lower part of each ear and one small stud in the nose. Nose rings are not permitted. All piercings must be removed for PE.
- Nails, Make-Up – nails should look natural and be an appropriate length for school. False nails and coloured nail polish are not allowed and, as such, will need to be removed. Pupils at KS4 may wear discrete natural make up.
- For PE, plain black jogging bottoms or sports leggings should be worn. These should not have any sports branding or be fashion items, plain black only. Leggings must be sports leggings.
- Trainers should only be worn for PE and not at other times. Shoes should be black, sensible and waterproof. They may be suede. Leather or leather look with no heel or a very small heel.
- Students should be wearing either the black school microfleece OR the Burgundy Hoodie with their PE uniform on days when they have PE. We highly recommend that this is purchased with the colder months upon us.
- As we approach winter pupils should ensure that they have a suitable waterproof coat and are wearing the optional grey jumper or burgundy school sweatshirt as part of the uniform. Non school clothing are not permitted eg: branded hoodies with logos.
- Face Masks – In line with government guidance your daughter **MUST** wear a face mask to school every day, plus a spare mask if using a single use mask. These will need to be stored in a sealable plastic bag. Masks must be worn as pupils move around the school building and in communal areas.
- Mobile phones must not be used on the school site. They should be turned off before entering the school site and kept inside school bags, not in Blazer pockets.
- Attendance and Punctuality – Please ensure that if your daughter is displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19 or your daughter or someone in your household is waiting for a test result she **must** remain at home. Any concerns should be raised with the Pastoral Manager and Attendance and Welfare Officer.

- While some pupils are in the vicinity of the school, they are not coming directly onto the school site. Duty staff are not able to intervene in any situation outside the perimeter of the school.
- Punctuality: Whilst the large majority of students arrive to school on time, there are a number of students who persistently arrive to school late, which creates health and safety concerns. We would appreciate a reminder of each year groups start times:

- Year 7: at 8.00am
- Year 8: at 8.10am
- Year 9: at 8.40am
- Year 10: at 8.30am
- Year 11: at 8.20am

Finally, once again I wish to thank you for your support throughout this challenging time and hope that you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Half-term. We look forward to welcoming students at the usual staggered times (as above) on **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

Yours sincerely,



Dr N Malik
Assistant Headteacher