



06 November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are well and that the latest lockdown isn't causing you too many difficulties.

Following the National Lockdown, schools have been issued with further guidance from the Department for Education. This hasn't led to significant changes to how we are operating, but there two things that I think it is important you are aware of.

### **1. Facemasks**

It is now compulsory for secondary school students to wear facemasks in communal areas in all schools in England. You will know that we have asked students to do this from the start of the year, but please continue to support us with this. We have facemasks for sale in pastoral offices, but please continue to check that your child has a facemask before they leave home.

### **2. Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People**

During the initial period of lockdown, a number of clinically extremely vulnerable students were advised to shield at home, due to medical conditions. Most of these students, originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable, no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents / carers are advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

In the latest Department for Education guidance, those children who continue to be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable by medical professionals are advised not to attend school whilst the national restrictions are in place. Please inform school immediately if this is the case, and share with us the letter or communication you received from a medical professional confirming this. These students should access their learning via Google Classroom.

Please note that the guidance states that children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.

If you have any queries about the implications of the guidance about clinically extremely vulnerable people, please contact your child's pastoral team in the first instance.

### **Key dates**

I have attached a copy of the key dates for this half term for your information. Any events that would have normally been face to face will be held online. Further information about these events will be sent to parents / carers of the relevant year groups.

Thank you for your continued support for school.

Yours sincerely

Dave Hewitt  
Headteacher

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**HEADTEACHER:** Mr David Hewitt, BA (Hons), NPQH

**DEPUTY HEAD:** Mr A Haigh, BSc (Hons)

**DEPUTY HEAD:** Ms C Mann, BA (Hons)

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### **Key Dates – Term 1b 2020/21**

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Pay Committee Meeting
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors FS and R Committee Meeting
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y7 Parent / Carer Evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Governors SCC Committee meeting
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y9 Parent / Carer Evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Governors T&L committee meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – staggered finish times 12.15pm – 12.45pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for all students at normal time