



# ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The start to the Autumn term has been a really positive one and the students have been fantastic in very unusual and ever changing circumstances. Thank you to the vast majority of parents/carers for your support in ensuring that your child is organised and prepared for each day, it really helps us. At this moment in time, I feel that the school is working safely, effectively and efficiently, so well done everyone for your efforts in making this happen.

Rather than send out separate communications, I have saved up the following points which I would like to reinforce with everyone now:

1. All students are to wear masks in communal areas unless they are exempt on medical grounds. They may only take masks off when in classrooms or when they are eating. Students who do not do this will receive a demerit.
2. Those students who are travelling on public or school supplied transport **must wear a face covering at all times** unless they are exempt.
3. All students need to adhere to social distancing rules when arriving at and leaving school.
4. As a community school, it is very important that we think about other people who are in the vicinity of the school. In particular, paths should be clear so that members of the community may walk past without having to walk on the road or grass. We have had a couple of complaints about this issue recently.
5. We have also had a couple of "near misses" when students have crossed the road near Avenue Road at the end of Elsdon Avenue. Please ensure that your child remembers to cross the road safely.
6. As we now have four different areas where students have their break and lunch, it is becoming apparent that we would appear to have an issue with year 9 and 10 dropping litter in their bubble area. There are more than enough bins around, but for some reason some students in these year groups do not wish to use them. Please reinforce the importance of placing all litter in the bins provided.
7. Finally, I would like to reinforce the importance of good attendance at school during this difficult period. Young people have missed enough time in school over the last few months and as adults, it is our duty to ensure that unless there is a genuine reason for absence, that they are in school learning and catching up on lost ground.

A few things to work on, but generally speaking, a great start. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Kind regards

Graham Scott  
Head of School