



26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

## Parental Update Letter

A full return to school is now on the horizon and we are working incredibly hard to ensure the transition and reintroduction for students is as smooth as possible. Despite the brilliant work that has gone in to remote learning, nothing can replace the buzz of a school full of students who are learning, interacting with one another and enjoying being at school. Genuinely, we cannot wait to see all of the students back in school.

### Ofsted

As you are aware, Ofsted completed a remote Section 8 interim monitoring inspection on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> which, I am pleased to say, was an extremely positive experience and one we used to proudly talk about the hard work that has been put in since the previous inspection. The chance to talk about our response throughout the pandemic and plans for the future was a key feature throughout the day and we were delighted with the feedback that was given along with the fantastic response to the Parent View survey.

Although it is a shame that the comments submitted are anonymous and could not be shared with you or us more widely, the inspectors did give us a summary of the overwhelmingly positive feedback that was given. The lead inspector read every comment (48 in total) and told us what a warm and positive impression she gained of our school from your feedback. Thank you so much for all of those. To see the full results from the 50 parents who did complete the survey, please click on the following link:

[Ofsted Parent View](#)

### Uniform

As we plan for the return to school there may well be some students who have outgrown uniform and in need of bigger sizes. We have written to all parents in the past to inform that Delta Wool, our previous suppliers, were no longer supplying our uniform. A new supplier has been sourced but is not yet in a position to provide new uniform with such a short turn around.

If you are concerned that your son/daughter has outgrown their blazer and that they may not have one in preparation for a return to school, we ask you to email us directly ([enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk)) so we can work together on a solution. We would also ask that any spare uniform, including shoes, is donated to the school so that it can be provided to students who are most in need once thoroughly cleaned should any be willing to accept it.

**Staffing**

Next week we welcome back Mrs Starbuck, Head of Creative Faculty, from her maternity leave. We would like to thank Mr O'Mara for all of his hard work in Mrs Starbuck's absence. We will not, however, be saying goodbye to Mr O'Mara, who has done a fantastic job in Art & Photography in Mrs Starbuck's absence, as he will be continuing to work with us for one day a week until the end of the summer term.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr J Lewis*

Head of School