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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you, your family and friends are well and that you enjoyed a good break over the summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school on 4th September. We are writing to update you on the measures we have in place to continue to support student safety, well-being and learning. The following control steps are in place to minimise the risk of infection through:

- **Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.** Anyone in the school becoming unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), will be sent home. There is an expectation that if students show these symptoms they will be collected immediately and tested in line with government guidance.
- **Cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual.** We have routines in place to promote handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds across the school day.
- **Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.** Students are supported to do this through tissues, bins, posters in each classroom and learning area.
- **Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.** The premises team ensure there is a rigid, consistent, frequent and enhanced cleaning system in place. This includes more frequent cleaning of rooms / shared areas that are used by different groups and frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more often than normal. Teachers and Teaching Assistants ensure all resources and equipment are cleaned in the learning areas regularly across the day.
- **Minimising contact between individuals and maintaining social distancing wherever possible.** Students will be in 'social bubbles' throughout the school day, remaining in their classrooms, with the teachers going to the classrooms, except for food technology, physical education and art. Breaks, lunch and finish times will be staggered and on a rota system. There will be no large gatherings such as assemblies. Students will sit socially distanced in classrooms and will face the front. Students will follow the one-way system across the school.

We will contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice. If there is a confirmed case of Covid 19, the social bubble for the infected student or adult will be immediately collapsed, with all concerned being immediately notified in line with government guidance and NHS test and trace process.

We have enclosed our updated risk assessment. Our risk assessment aims to mitigate the risk of covid 19 as much as possible but as you will fully appreciate we cannot eliminate all risk.

Our school day reflects the measures we have outlined above. We cannot accommodate large gatherings for lunch or morning breaks. We need to strictly adhere to the 'social bubble' system, so we need to keep students and their designated adults together at all times and away from the other 'social bubbles' in the school. To achieve this we need to continue to operate a shortened school day. The school times are now as follows:

School Start times	9am	KS 3, 4 & 5
	10am	Year 13+



On entry students will use the hand sanitiser and go straight to their 'social bubble' room.

Students who are on Home to School transport will leave the school using the back entrance in Dalyell Close. Independent travellers and students being collected by parents/carers will use the front entrance of the school in Combermere Road.

The most recent government advice is that students attending secondary schools should wear face masks when moving across the communal areas of the school. We understand that not all students will be able to wear a mask or face shield and would be grateful if you could let us know if your child/young person is exempt from wearing a mask. Otherwise we will supply individual disposable masks to students, or dedicated face shields.

Curriculum Delivery

Full School Attendance	Shielding Pupils	Collapsed Bubble	Localised Lockdown
Curriculum delivery by subject specialists, with students working in social bubbles.	Curriculum delivery will be personalised for students who are unable to attend school because of shielding as defined in government guidance.	<p>Students in that specific social bubble will remain away from school for 14 days.</p> <p>Curriculum delivery for students in the collapsed bubble will be personalised to the students in that social bubble</p>	As with the lockdown in March, Lansdowne will remain open for key worker and vulnerable students, so curriculum delivery will continue in school, or there will be a remote learning offer for those students who are unable to attend.

Teaching and learning from all subject specialists in the social bubble at school	<p>Remote learning will continue with learning packs and resources for individual students.</p> <p>From 1st October remote learning will be through google classroom and home learning packs for shielding students.</p> <p>All other students are expected to attend school and curriculum delivery will be through subject specialists in school.</p>	<p>Remote learning will continue with learning packs and resources for students in that specific social bubble.</p> <p>From 1st October remote learning will be through google classroom and home learning packs for students in the collapsed bubble.</p> <p>All other students are expected to attend school and curriculum delivery will be through subject specialists in school.</p>	<p>There will be an option for vulnerable and key worker students to attend school. Curriculum delivery will be through subject specialists in school.</p> <p>Remote learning will be delivered through home learning packs and resources and from 1.10.20 through google classroom</p>
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Recovery Curriculum

We are aware that many students have not been in school since March 2020. We are also welcoming new Year 7 students, as well as additional students who are joining Year 12. We appreciate that students may be anxious about returning to school and may well have not fully understood why they have not been able to attend school.

We aim to help our students return to school in the following way:

- Ensuring school routines are in place.
- There are known and familiar teachers and teaching assistants in all social bubbles
- Through listening to students individual concerns and worries and supporting their well-being.
- Ensuring our therapists work with us to support our students.
- Support the re-building of friendship and social engagement.
- Assessing students achievement and providing a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Expecting students to wear school uniform.

Attendance

- We understand the concerns parents/carers have experienced since the start of the pandemic, but we are expecting all students to return to school on 4th September. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Jukes or Ms. Mitchell. Please let us know if there are any health concerns which may affect your young person's attendance. If your young person is unwell and unable to attend please follow the normal school procedures and phone school. It is especially important for you to inform us if the absence could be Covid-19 related.

As well as our updated risk assessment we have enclosed a joint letter from the Director of Children's Services, the Director of Education and the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools.

Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes

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