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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all keeping safe and well. I write to you now with some reminders for the start of next week.

As per my previous letter, please ensure that your son/daughter attends on the correct days (see attached letter). Please remember that testing is completely voluntary and that all students within specific year groups should attend on the designated days.

Although the next steps to fully re-opening need to be staggered/on rotation in order for us to provide a testing programme, we are all looking forward with excitement to welcoming everyone back as we move through the week.

Effectively, we will be picking up where we left off at the end of the Autumn term. As such, all of the logistical arrangements regarding how the day is run remain in place although there is a slight change regarding the use of "holding areas" before school whilst we carry out testing (see below). Your son/daughter will be used to these arrangements by now and given that there is nothing new, I am very confident that we will be able to return to "normal" very quickly.

Masks:

As I mentioned in my letter last week, one clearly observable change in expectations concerns the wearing of masks. Students will now be asked to wear their masks in the majority of classrooms as well as whilst walking in the corridors and in communal areas (unless eating). For certain situations, and in certain lessons (e.g. PE, Dance, Drama and Music), teachers may allow students to remove their masks depending upon the activity in which they are involved.

Travelling to school:

Students (and staff) are still advised to walk or cycle to school wherever possible. If your son/daughter is using public transport then please ensure that they follow government advice and wear a face mask (mandatory for anyone over the age of 11).

Metrobus have told us that, from Monday, they are resuming their services to and from the school site so they will be as they were throughout last term. Please check the Metrobus website for any further information: [School Travel Information: Metrobus](#)

Arrival at school

All arrangements from last term remain in place. Please see below as a reminder:

- a. Where possible students are asked not to arrive at school before 8:30am
- b. Students arriving after 8:45am should go straight to their Tutor room
- c. Vehicle access to the school site both before and after school is restricted to staff and public transport vehicles only (includes taxis for those students using them as required through their EHCP/Social Services). Parents/carers who already have permission/a pass to drive onto the school site are still allowed to do so
- d. Parents/carers only allowed on site by appointment and when attending must remain socially distant and wear a mask (unless medically exempt)
- e. Should a student's condition warrant their parent/carer being able to drive onto the school site (e.g. broken leg, recovery from a serious operation, etc.), the parent/carer should contact the relevant Yr Leader in the first instance to gain permission

- f. Parents/carers are asked not to drive on to Old Horsham Road and in order to help alleviate any congestion, the back gate to the school will continue to be open from 8:25am until 9am. Other suitable areas (there are others) for dropping off/collecting are Downland Drive and Goffs Park Road; both of which are a short walk from the school gates and include a pelican crossing for crossing the A2220 safely. Also, Gossops Drive allows students to use the footbridge across the A23 and enter the school by the back gate

Holding Areas:

For the days on which the school is open for half of the population (i.e. testing days), the following changes apply for the following year groups regarding the areas designated before school for students arriving before 8:45am:

Monday:

- VI Form: use the Main Hall (do not go into the VI Form Common room as this is not currently in use)
- Year 11: use the Wedge
- Year 9: use the Activity Space

Tuesday:

- Year 10: use Main Hall
- Year 8: use the Activity Space
- Year 7: use the Wedge

The above locations will also apply for break time. I would be grateful if you would communicate this to your sons/daughters.

Social distancing & hand hygiene:

It remains essential that all members of the school community continue in their efforts to maintain their “social distance” as much as possible and ensure that they are regularly washing/sanitising their hands. Hand sanitising stations remain in place around the school and students are encouraged to use them regularly throughout the day.

Uniform:

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform and aim to look “outstanding” in their appearance. The uniform remains the same as do our expectations regarding it. If you have any issues with uniform (e.g. your son/daughter has had a growth spurt), please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular activities:

As per our re-opening in September, there will be no extra-curricular activities for the immediate future. This position will be reviewed in line with any changes to government guidance, with students/parents being informed of any changes to our plans as and when we are in a position to offer such activities.

Equipment:

It is extremely important that all students come to school every day equipped with what they need to maximise their learning opportunities. As per last term, we will not be able to lend equipment to students as we would have done in the past. Please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct equipment for each day:

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| • Blue/black pen (plus spare) | • Highlighter Pens |
| • Pencil (plus spare) and sharpener | • Scientific Calculator (Casio FX-83GTPLUS) |
| • Rubber | • Protractor |
| • Ruler | • Reading Book |
| • Pair of compasses | • Exercise & Text Books for the Day |
| • Coloured pencils | |

Lateral Flow Tests:

The deadline for giving consent for your son/daughter to be tested in school and then receive a home testing kit (once they have completed 3 in school tests) has now closed. Unfortunately, given the huge logistical operation of conducting the testing programme, if you missed the deadline, then your son/daughter will not be able to be tested in school. However, the government are enabling households to order self-test kits should you wish to do so. Please use the link below to order:

[Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

As a final reminder that school is closed to all students tomorrow Friday 5th March 2021 as it is an INSET day.

I will write to you again as the guidance changes and further details are published.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ferry', written in a cursive style.

Michael Ferry
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