

24th September 2020

To all parents/carers of sixth form students

I am writing to remind you that the period of self-isolation for our sixth form students ends on Friday 25th September. This means that from Saturday 26th September they can leave their homes and again receive visitors, etc.

Provided your son/daughter is in good health, students should return to school on Monday 28th September according to the details of the revised start times via gate 7.

If they have had Covid-19 symptoms within the last 48 hours prior to Monday or are displaying symptoms on Monday, it is essential that they do not return to school.

These symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

Similarly, if someone has tested positive within their household students must not return until the additional period of self-isolation advised by the NHS is over.

These measures are paramount as we have been advised by Public Health England (PHE) that in the event of further cases of students attending school who later prove to have Covid-19, we will be instructed by PHE to once again ask sixth form students to enter a period of self-isolation. We are determined to avoid this at all costs.

We have been asked by PHE to increase further precautionary measures for sixth form students. The aim of these is to further reduce contact with other year group bubbles and particularly between Years 12 and 13. The changes include:

- Year 12 and 13 tutor groups rearranged so as to keep the students apart
- Alternating use of the normal study area with a new study area, again separating Year 12 and 13 students. Students will be directed to specific study areas in each school period.
- Further staggering start and finish times so that students are able to arrive and leave depending on their individual timetables
- Increasing social distancing measures in the panini bar area where students interact with staff
- Splitting toilet facilities for Year 12 and 13 students
- Ensuring Year 12 and 13 students do not mix socially at break or lunchtimes including participation in sport such as football and basketball
- Wearing masks when moving around the school site and in communal areas

Mr Churchill, head of sixth form, will deliver an assembly via Microsoft Teams on Friday 25th September at 8.45am to all students. During this assembly he will explain these amended requirements in more detail. Students will receive an email invitation to the assembly.

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Finally, we would like to commend both staff and students who have worked together to ensure that our remote blended learning has worked extremely well during this period of enforced self-isolation for these students.

I look forward to welcoming the sixth form back to school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N B Clemens', written in a cursive style.

N B Clemens
Principal