COVID Safety Information for Parents

We have been making adjusts at school to help make the school safe for the students to return. We want to share with you some of the measures we have taken which we hope will reassure you that we are taking your child’s welfare seriously.

- Taxis – as students arrive at staggered times and do not leave the taxi until they are instructed to do so, students will not meet in a large group. On arrival, students will go to their form rooms to limit the number of students they interact with. At the end of the day, students will be called from their form rooms to go to their taxi. This again will be staggered.

- Form rooms – Due to the number of staff and students at the school, all students are part of the same ‘bubble.’ However, where possible we will operate ‘mini bubbles’ in year groups/classes. For most lessons, students will stay in their form room and teachers will move to them. The exception will be where students need to be taught in specialist areas, such as the sports hall.

- Break times – snack at break time will be delivered to classrooms. Students will be able to go outside for break time as part of the whole school bubble.

- Lunch times – there will be two sittings at lunch time to enable social distancing. Some students will eat lunch in the dining room while others eat in the bistro.

- Hand washing – we have additional hand washing facilities. Staff have also been issued with bottles of hand sanitiser for the students to use.

- Masks – Students will be encouraged to wear masks in communal areas. If masks are brought in from home, they need to be plain. Masks will be available in school.

- Preparing for learning – We recognise that not being at school for the last 6 months will have been hard for some pupils and we want to give them time to be able to share and help us to understand how we can best support them on their return to school. Staff will ensure students understand the changes we have described here, reinforce the message about the need for handwashing and social distancing as well as give them the opportunity to talk about issues that are affecting them. Their form tutor will be their point of contact.

We hope this information will reassure you and your child of the measures we have taken to keep themselves as they return to school.