



4th December 2020

Dear parents

There is no doubt that the first week in December has brought challenges for everyone. You will be aware that we have had a number of positive cases in school this week and we have had to ask many students in year 7 and 8 to self isolate. It has been very difficult to ask so many students to remain at home but I know you will understand that these decisions are to minimise spread and to keep everyone safe.

At all points I have communicated regularly, working with the local authority and public health who are satisfied the action we have taken are correct and that safety protocols are sufficient to break the chain of transmission.

However it is always important that we remind ourselves of all the keeping everyone safe. We will be reminding students of the safe practices we have in place and how they can keep themselves and other safe. I would be grateful if all parents could remind their child of the following;

Students should:

- Sanitize or wash hands when entering the building or room
- Ensure masks are worn in corridors and where social distancing is not possible
- Do not share equipment or books
- Observe 2m distancing whenever possible
- Avoid talking face to face with each other at less than 2m apart

For those students who take the bus the expectations remain:

- All students should sanitize their hands before entering the bus – either their own or using the sanitizer provided
- Students should wait safely, observing 2m if possible and wearing a mask if social distancing is not possible.
- Students must wear a mask for the duration of the journey – this must not be removed.
- Students should sit in their year group bubbles as follows:
Year 7 - top floor from the back
Year 8 - top floor front and bottom floor back
Year 9 - bottom floor front.
- They must not move between bubbles.
- Windows are open on the bus for ventilation – they must not be closed.

Please also remember your child should not attend school if they display symptoms and if they have come into contact with someone with COVID-19, they should self-isolate for 14 days. The link below is to our Covid information section on the website that holds our risk assessment

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/risk-assessment/>

For those students who are at home, work will be provide through google classrooms through the isolation period - If students experience any difficulty they should contact their tutor or their teacher. Tutors will also be in contact and are there for any worries or concerns. Please remember we are still there for all our young people.

Happily, we will be able to welcome back those who have been self isolating on Tuesday 15th December in time for the Christmas lunch on the 17th December and dress up day on the 18th December.

Do enjoy the weekend safely.

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

Emma Taplin
Principal