

Dear Parents

Thank you for your help over the first week back at school. Having observed things for nearly a week I am going to make a change to how we are trying to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. Although the pupils have been very cooperative generally, we are concerned about them when they are indoors, moving between lessons. The one way system is working well, and the staggered lesson times are clearly having a good effect on keeping pupils from different year groups out of contact with each other. Having distinct year group areas is also proving effective. However, the fact is we still do have lots of pupils in pretty close proximity at movement times, and this coupled with the national sharp increase in infection rates, means we feel we must act.

**Subsequently, from Monday 14th September, every pupil must wear a face covering when inside the building. This can be taken off if they are eating at lunch time, and once inside their classroom and sat at their desk.** It is essential you send your children to school with a face covering. Staff will also be wearing a face covering when moving around the school.

Additionally, can I point out again that any parents collecting their children by car after school must do so between 3.45pm - 4pm from the large car park and not the smaller 'horseshoe' car park. Although these measures do form part of our risk assessment, I ask this also as a road safety measure; there are too many cars in motion at any time trying to get out before the buses and too many pupils walking between them to be safe. Pupils will wait by the College building until the buses have left the site and will then stand on the path until collected.

Finally, please stress the importance of distancing to your children. Despite explaining the dangers already, it is fair to say the overwhelming majority of pupils appear to show little regard to our request for them to keep 1m+ away from others. Please could you stress how important it is for them to stand further away from their friends whenever possible.

Yours sincerely

Tim Gibbs