

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Families

Not long now until we welcome our students into school and we are so excited. Staff are back together on site for the first time today and it has been a joy to experience the positivity and anticipation as we start the new school year.

We talked about the importance of looking out and beyond all the changes and safety measures and returning to our ambitions and aspirations and rediscovering the magic of the classroom.

We need to ensure that good hand hygiene and other safety measures become second nature to us and that we all accept our responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. In this way, we can concentrate on our central aim which is to create wonderful teaching and learning opportunities.

There has been much talk about the wearing of face coverings in school and I want to advise you of our position:

- We are still advising against students wearing a face covering in classrooms as student to student transmission remains extremely rare
- We are advising students and staff to wear face coverings in the corridors and other public spaces
- We will be talking to students about the importance of putting on and taking off the mask correctly. Further information on this can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- Fabric masks should be washed each time they have been used
- If using public transport, a different face covering should be used when in school

It is important that we all remember to observe all other safety measures even if we are wearing a face covering. Face coverings protect others not the wearers,

All the information you need about the return to school is on the website but I wanted to highlight a couple of important points;



- The water fountains are not in use so students will need to bring enough water to last throughout the day
- Students must bring their own equipment- pens, pencils, a ruler, a glue stick and a calculator are minimum requirements

Finally, we have taken every precaution to ensure that we have a safe environment, the staff are so pleased to be back and we can't wait to see our students.

As ever, we are here if you need to talk to us about any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Dibb', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jo Dibb  
Executive Headteacher