

2 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Welcome from the Headteacher – Autumn Term 2020

We are all looking forward to welcoming our students back to school. Students in Years 8-13 will initially return for a one-hour safety briefing, details of which are on the home page of the school website [here](#). Our new Year 7 students will start school on Monday 7 September and they will have two days of induction activities. Lessons for all students will then start on Wednesday 9 September.

Please do read the guidance for parents/carers 'Re-Opening in September 2020 - Keeping School Safe' [here](#), also accessible via the homepage of the school website. This important document contains details of the new procedures at school which are designed to reduce the risk of the spread of this coronavirus.

Clearly there will be circumstances when students will be ill with normal illnesses (seasonal or otherwise), or they may display symptoms of COVID-19. Please see the flowchart 'What to Do if Someone has COVID-19 Symptoms', which is on the website [here](#) and also accessible via the homepage. This flowchart will help you to decide whether your son/daughter/ward should attend school. It will also advise on what to do if they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms. There are also clear expectations regarding the NHS Test and Trace. At all stages, it is important to maintain communication with school over any illnesses.

If we are informed of a local outbreak of COVID-19 or we are informed by you of a positive test within your own family, we will immediately seek advice from our local Public Health England Protection Team before any further decisions are taken.

Our expectation is that students with "minor" illnesses should be in school as normal. If they are clearly ill, maybe with a heavy cold or seasonal flu, they are best remaining at home until they feel better - in order to prevent the spread to other people.

Our aim is to remain open for all students so it is important to maintain a series of appropriate controls whilst in school. We do hope that further measures will not be required and we look forward to getting back to learning in the classroom.

Yours faithfully,



**Euan Ferguson**  
Headteacher