

September 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full week back, I am delighted with the way our young people and staff have responded to the changes we have had to make and the new routines. There is a real calmness around school and a focus in lessons and it is just a pleasure to have everyone back. The vast majority of students have re-engaged with their learning but we know some are struggling with the whole situation we find ourselves in. Please see attached an invitation from Lancashire MIND for an upcoming event.

As in most schools, we do have a number of students who are having to self-isolate and it is our responsibility to ensure that they are provided with work. We have devised a timetable for each year group in the event of a partial school closure (which we hope doesn't happen) and from Monday, students who are off school for any reason will be directed to work on Show My Homework which will follow that timetable. The relevant timetables for each year group will be put on the Covid section of the website.

Unfortunately there will always be some individuals who get it wrong with regard to behaviour or uniform and detentions will start from Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. The detentions will vary between 20 minutes and an hour depending on the misdemeanour and will be on the following evenings to keep year groups separate:

Monday	Year 7
Tuesday	Year 10
Wednesday	Year 11
Thursday	Year 9
Friday	Year 8

Next Thursday (September 17<sup>th</sup>) should have been our annual Open Evening but that cannot happen this year and school will have the normal start and finish times on Thursday. Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to phone the school and make an appointment for a tour with a member of SLT – if your child is in one of our feeder schools you should have received a letter about this via the primary school. We are hoping to have a video tour and interviews on the website but unfortunately the person creating this for us is currently self-isolating so this may be slightly delayed.

Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day and so school is not open to students.

We hope to begin re-introducing some extra curricular activities from Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

I would ask that you keep reminding your sons and daughters of the importance of wearing face coverings on buses and keeping them on whilst travelling.

Yours Faithfully,

Andrew Waller  
Headteacher