

3rd September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Start of term arrangements update

As we look forward to our students, both old and new, coming into school next week I wanted to provide a short update. Full details of the new timings of the school day, first days back for each year group, and the base rooms and zones for class/year group bubbles can be found in the letter I sent to parents at the end of the summer term. This is available on the school website or by following this link: <http://www.sghs.org.uk/parents--carers/letters-home/>

Over the summer break, the site and cleaning teams in school have been working hard to prepare the school site and all arrangements are in place for the start of term. On their first morning in school all students will receive a briefing in their new tutor groups, which will run through all the arrangements and changes we have introduced to keep our school community safe. This will include break/ lunch arrangements, fire evacuation procedures, and movement around the school site using the one-way system.

On Tuesday 1st September 2020 the Local Governing Body met to complete a final review of the school risk assessment prior to full opening and we are delighted that we are fully ready to welcome all students back into school.

In addition to the arrangements outlined in my letter on 14th July, please ensure you run through the following information with your child before their first day in school next week:

Symptoms of coronavirus

Please can I remind parent/ carers that students must not come into school if they, or a member of their household, has any of the following symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If a student or household member has any of these symptoms, they must inform the school (via the absence line: absence@sghs.org.uk or telephone 01756 707610) and follow the government advice on self-isolation (link below).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



Face Coverings

Following changes in government guidance for schools over the last few weeks and discussions at Trust and Local Governing Body level we now require students (except those who are exempt due to certain health conditions) to wear face coverings when they are moving through communal areas of the school, e.g. corridors. Students will not be required to wear face coverings when they are in their classrooms during lessons or social time, or when in their outside areas. However, if they wish to wear their face covering during these times, this will be permitted. **Students will therefore need to bring a reusable face covering with them each day** and these should be washed regularly.

We have installed additional sanitisers in each classroom so students can sanitise their hands after putting on and removing face coverings; we will be including a demonstration of how to safely put on and remove face coverings during students' first day back. We will keep a small supply of disposable face masks to provide to any students who forget to bring one with them.

Students arriving by car

It is likely in the early days in September that more students may be travelling by car both to SGHS and other schools. Please can we ask that parent/ carers avoid dropping students in the close vicinity of the school. The link below takes you to a map, which provides some suggested drop off points that are within close walking distance to school:

<http://www.sghs.org.uk/parents--carers/travel-to-school/>

Lockers

To ensure we have sufficient space in classrooms and corridors we have had to, temporarily, remove many of the student lockers from their usual locations. This means that students will not be able to access their lockers. Whilst I realise this is not ideal, students will generally be based in their zones, so will not have to carry bags around the school. If students have items they need to collect from their 'old' lockers we will be making sure they can do this during their first couple of days back.

Finally, I hope the students enjoy the last few days of their summer break and I look forward to welcoming them back into school next week.

Best wishes



Mr Mark Turner
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