



Dear Parents and Carers,

The purpose of my letter is to update you on how the implementation of our new protective measures is going and to ask for your support in regularly reminding your child of the restrictions and rules in place to protect our community. The Coronavirus pandemic has obviously necessitated the enforcement of many new rules, restrictions and ways of working on our young people and therefore it is vitally important that we keep reminding all students of the measures in place and why they are there. I have attached a Powerpoint Presentation recently shared with all students as a reminder of these measures.

Since we changed our model of operating, we have seen lessons becoming much more productive because teachers are now having to travel far less. This means that the first and last 5-10 minutes of each lesson are able to be used for learning. The students have responded really well to the changes we have made. A summary of the most important measures we have put in place to protect our community can be found below. There are many more measures in place within each department and area of the school but these are the most important and school-wide measures.

Protective Measure	Why?
One-way systems are in place on Upper and Lower Site	These systems on both the Upper and Lower Sites are in place to ensure that face-to-face contact between individuals is kept to a minimum. Where outdoor paths are used as two-way walkways, they have been marked as such and students are required to walk on the left at all times.
Year groups have specific dining areas	To keep 'bubbles' intact during social times and to prevent mixing between 'bubbles', Year 8 and 11 share a partitioned Lower Site Hall and have separate entrances/exits to this area. Year 7 and 9 share a partitioned Upper Site Hall and have separate entrances/exits to this area. Year 10 have exclusive use of the 'Lunchbox'. Years 12 and 13 have exclusive use of the Sixth Form Cafe.
Year groups have specific social areas	This essential measure is in place to keep 'bubbles intact during social times and to prevent mixing between 'bubbles'. <u>Year 7</u> have exclusive use of the Upper Site Playground, half of the partitioned Upper Site Hall and the large outdoor shelter on the Upper Site Playground. <u>Year 8</u> have exclusive use of the Lower Site Playground as well as the area under the Arch, half of the partitioned Lower Site Hall and 5 tutor rooms. <u>Year 9</u> have exclusive use of the hardcourt nearest to E Block as well as their Tutor Rooms and half of the partitioned Upper Site Hall. <u>Year 10</u> have exclusive use of the hardcourt nearest to the Astro turf Pitch as well as half of the Astro turf Pitch and their tutor rooms.

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	<p><u>Year 11</u> have exclusive use of the area under the Lower Site Trees, their tutor rooms, half of the AstroTurf Pitch and half of the partitioned Lower Site Hall.</p> <p><u>Years 12 and 13</u> have exclusive use of the social spaces within and behind the Sixth Form Centre.</p>
Face coverings are worn at all times while travelling around the school	Students and staff are required to wear a clean, dry face covering each day and are required to wear this at all times while travelling around the site. Students are required to wear their face coverings during social times, while they are not eating or playing and should bring a sealable plastic bag in which to keep it while it is not being used. This is to keep others safe and reduce risk of transmission where social distancing is not possible, for example when students are stood talking face-to-face with friends.
Classrooms are cleaned down after each lesson	Using the recommended detergents, all classrooms are cleaned down after every lesson so that surfaces are clean and ready for the next class.
Enhanced cleaning is in place around the school	Our daytime cleaning team circulate the communal areas of the site at all times during the school day to regularly clean all high touch points such as doors (where not able to be propped open) and toilet areas. At the end of each day, every area of the school is thoroughly cleaned by our evening cleaning team.
Toilets have maximum occupancies	Every toilet block around the school has a maximum occupancy sign on the door and students are asked to observe this maximum occupancy at all times.
There are more staff on duty during social times	In order to ensure that the 'bubbles' are kept as separate as is possible, we have placed additional duty staff between the 'bubbles' social areas to keep them separate.
Students line up on playgrounds to reduce congestion in corridors	To enter A/B Block and L/M Block, our two largest blocks, students line up outside these blocks on the Upper and Lower Site Playgrounds, respectively. This allows for an orderly and controlled entry into these blocks to reduce congestion and face-to-face contact between individuals.
Students are dismissed from their lessons in a 'cascade' from the top of multi-storey blocks	At the end of each lesson, the exit from multi-storey blocks is controlled so that students do not meet in stairwells and other confined spaces. This, along with the measure above, stop students from coming into face-to-face contact with others during lesson changeovers.
120 hand sanitiser units have been installed around the site	In addition to the hand washing facilities available in all bathrooms, all classrooms and all communal spaces have a hand sanitiser unit installed to facilitate students to have good hand hygiene, reducing the likelihood of virus transmission.

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The key reminders for students, with which I would appreciate your continued support, are:

1. All students must stick to their year group's social and dining spaces at all



times.

- 2 All students must wear their face covering at all times while travelling around the site, unless exempt.
- 3 All students must follow the one-way systems in place around the site, walking on the left in the two-way areas.

We revisit these expectations regularly during tutor times and through our assemblies. I understand that some parents and carers are anxious about assemblies taking place. These are a vital part of our provision, not only in terms of information sharing and PHSE teaching, but because they provide regular opportunities for the students to come together as a community. This sense of belonging and community is very important for students' mental health and wellbeing, which as is well-documented in the media, can suffer during periods of lockdown.

I hope that you and your families are keeping well during these challenging times. If we can help in any way, please do let us know.

Yours Sincerely

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