

11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A brief letter to end the week, and a huge thank you to you and to all our pupils for enabling school to fully reopen so successfully. It is a delight to see classes working so well throughout the school and our learners have adapted so quickly and positively to the new structure of the day – we are incredibly proud of them!

A few reminders and some clarification:

Face Masks

All pupils must have either a plain face mask or a sunflower lanyard (for those officially exempt). We have a very small number of spare masks for emergencies, but pupils do need to bring their own every day. We would also advise having a spare in their school bag so that they can use it in the event that their main mask is lost or broken.

PE days

A reminder that on PE days pupils must wear their PE kit for the day. The rules regarding PE kit have not changed and so normal kit must be worn. If it is chilly, your child may wear PLAIN BLACK joggers over their kit and/or a PLAIN BLACK hoodie or sweatshirt. If they don't have an appropriate plain black top, they can wear their school jumper or blazer over their kit. Sweatshirts, hoodies and joggers of other colours will not be allowed in school.

Uniform

Uniform rules are unchanged apart from the addition of blazers for Year 7 (currently optional for other year groups) and so all pupils in Years 8 – 11 are expected to wear a school jumper and/or a blazer. Pupils should not be arriving at school in just a shirt; if it is warm in lessons, they will be allowed to remove their jumper.

Water fountains

Good news – our water fountains have now been adapted so that they can be used to fill water bottles. We would encourage all pupils to bring a bottle of water each day.

Start and finish times

We now have much less crowding at the gates in the morning – many thanks for your support with this. Start and finish times remain as follows until further notice:

Year	Allowed on site from:	Lessons start at:	Finish time:
7	8:30am	8:40am	2:35pm
8	8:50am	9:00am	2:40pm
9	8:50am	9:00am	2:40pm
10	8:40am	8:50am	2:45pm
11	8:40am	8:50am	2:45pm

INSET days for this year

I am now able to confirm that there will be 2 staff training days this term when school will be closed to pupils; these are **Friday 16th October** and **Friday 13th November**. We will issue reminders nearer the time but I wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you again for your ongoing support for your child and for our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ARadcliffe .". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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