

25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a few pieces of information and some reminders to end the week.

Year 7 – new start time

A reminder that Year 7 pupils will be starting school at 8:45am from Monday 28th September. They will be allowed on site from 8:35am.

INSET days later this term

Just to flag up again the two training days later this term when school will not be open to pupils, so that you have plenty of time to plan for this:

Friday 16th October and Friday 13th November

NHS Covid-19 Contact Tracing App

Yesterday the NHS launched their contact tracing app which can be used by anyone over the age of 16 and so may be downloaded by some of our Year 11 pupils. Just to reiterate that mobile phone rules will remain the same i.e. they must be switched off and in bags during the school day. Phones will not, therefore, be checked until pupils have left the building at the end of the day.

Dropping off and collecting pupils by car

Please be mindful of the safety of pupils when driving near to school and considerate of local residents. Pupils should not be dropped off or collected directly outside school as this causes traffic flow to stop, it is much safer to arrange a point further away from school to drop off or collect your child.

Face masks

As we are in an area currently designated as higher risk, face masks remain compulsory in corridors and all circulation spaces. Please ensure that your child has a plain coloured face mask (and preferably a spare in their bag). The overwhelming majority of pupils are now routinely bringing their mask every day – many thanks for your support with this.

Free school meals

In the unfortunate event that we have to ask your child to self-isolate for 14 days and they are entitled to free school meals, we will issue a voucher to the value of two weeks' worth of lunches. This will be done electronically as was the case prior to the summer break. Further information will be provided as the need arises.

In the event of any further positive Covid-19 tests within our school community, communication will be crucial. Please note the following:

If your child, or anyone in your household, is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, your child must NOT attend school. You should inform school if this is the case.

If your child receives a positive test result, please let school know immediately. If this happens 'out of hours' e.g. after 4pm or at the weekend, please email me directly on a.radcliffe@hydehighschool.uk so that we can act quickly. All other queries should be addressed to admin@hydehighschool.uk.

Please ensure that we have your up-to-date phone number and email address. Our first method of contacting groups of parents will be text message and so it is important that we have the correct numbers.

We will use our website to communicate any urgent information.

Despite the unusual times that we are working in, your children have adapted so quickly to new routines and we are incredibly proud of the safe and sensible way in which they are conducting themselves and their hugely positive attitudes to learning.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

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

Andrea Radcliffe

Headteacher