

9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Just a few updates for you.

### Covid update

Over the half term break and as we returned to school, we were notified of a small number of positive Covid cases within our school community. Fortunately, the half term break absorbed some of the ensuing self-isolation period for some pupils, but to have any group missing school is unfortunate. Please can I remind all our families that **if anyone in your household develops symptoms of Covid-19, your child must NOT come to school** even if they themselves have no symptoms at that time; please ring us for further information if necessary.

When we have no alternative but to direct pupils to self-isolate, work is set online via Google Classroom and all pupils have practised accessing their account.

With transmission rates in Tameside still very high, we are highly likely to see further cases but our safety measures are working well and, as yet, we have had no cases of the virus being transmitted within school. I am extremely proud of the mature and sensible way that our pupils have taken all of the additional measures in their stride; in doing so, and keeping themselves safe, they are playing a key role in keeping their families and our community safe too.

### School uniform

As we head into the colder months, we are concerned that in some lessons pupils may feel cold due to more windows being open to improve ventilation – a key strategy in reducing virus transmission rates. There is a balance to be found between maintaining our high standards of uniform and keeping pupils warm. As a temporary measure, **in addition to their normal school uniform**, teachers will allow pupils to wear additional layers in classrooms that are too cold as shown below.

Year 7	Years 8 and 9	Years 10 and 11
<b>Non-PE day</b>		
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<b>PE day</b>		
Normal PE kit: Royal blue games polo shirt with Hyde logo Trainers (appropriate for PE and different to school shoes) One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black shorts with Hyde logo (girls and boys)</li> </ul>		

- Black tracksuit bottoms with Hyde logo (girls and boys)
- Black skorts with Hyde logo (girls only)
- Black leggings with Hyde logo (girls only)

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**Please note: the only hoodies that should be worn anywhere inside the building are Hyde High School PE hoodies (or a plain black hoodie).** If your child does not have a Hyde PE hoodie and is wearing a plain black hoodie instead, any logo must be very small.

Hyde High School hoodies can be purchased from Kids Stop in Hyde with prices from £11.99 to £13.99 (<https://www.kids-stop.co.uk/collections/hyde-community-college?page=2>) or from Monkhouse Schoolwear (<https://www.monkhouse.com/c/307/Hyde-PE-Kit>) with prices ranging from £12.50 to £14.50.

All pupils are expected to continue to wear their full school uniform as normal and should expect to remove coats on entry to school as has always been the case. It will be the teacher's decision that the room is/isn't too cold as not all classrooms are affected.

If any families are struggling with acquiring appropriate additional layers to ensure that your child is warm enough, please do get in touch with us and we will do our best to support you.

**Face masks and equipment**

A huge thank you to all those parents and carers who ensure that their child comes to school each day with a plain face mask and basic equipment (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber plus the stationery issued by school in September). Face masks are with us for the foreseeable future and so a spare in your child's bag would be really useful just in case they forget/lose their main mask or the straps break.

We are currently unable to lend stationery to pupils due to the guidance relating to hygiene and so it really is essential that each child has the basics with them every day and can then take a full part in all activities set.

**INSET Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is a staff training day and school is closed to pupils.

Other than that, it just remains for me to wish you a pleasant week. My thanks for your continued support and patience during these strange times.

Keep safe and well,



Andrea Radcliffe

Headteacher