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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the school week can I again thank you for your continued support and patience. We are living through interesting times, but I am so very proud how our school community continues to respond to adversity.

Included with this letter is our Remote Learning Policy. This outlines how we will try to facilitate remote learning, and outlines the various phases we will be at over the course of the year. Please can you and your child read this carefully.

From Monday October 5th we will be returning to form time every single day. Pupils are now clear about our in-school routines and this will allow form tutors to increase their pastoral focus and expectations. Please do not be upset if you are contacted from next week regarding uniform issues. I am asking all members of staff to maintain high standards of appearance for all pupils. We will also be expanding ever so slightly our curriculum offer in Physical Education. Revised guidance published at the beginning of September has allowed schools to play small scale competitive games during PE lessons. The PE team will of course ensure this provision remains COVID compliant.

We continue to receive guidance from the Department of Education, and one of their most recent documents makes clear that all pupils over the age of 11 are required by law to wear face coverings on public transport or school buses, unless they are exempt on medical grounds. Where this is an issue we will support the work of any local authority to ensure pupils are doing as they are expected. The link to this document is included for you below.

[wear a face covering on public transport in England](#)

Over the past few weeks we have added more content to our YouTube channel. Yesterday myself and Mr Breen shared information with Year 8 parents that outlined the steps we take in school where a COVID-19 case is confirmed, and also how we look to facilitate remote learning. Please feel free to watch the presentation for your own information, the link is below.

<https://youtu.be/7k8rV7teZXY>

Alongside this we have also created a video guide to using Show My Homework, now called Satchel1. The link is included for you below, and can also be accessed through the school website.

<https://youtu.be/dfncbQkYogM>

We look forward to welcoming all Year 11 pupils back on site this Monday, and we will continue to do the best we can as we move closer to the October half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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