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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: The end of our first week back at school

I write to you at the end of a momentous and happy week with some updates and reminders. Thank you for your patience as we have used this week to carefully re-induct students into school and prepare our new Y7 and Y12 for lesson - the process has proved highly beneficial and we are now into normal lessons albeit under our new bubble arrangements, which are working well - thanks to your children.

Attendance

Today was our first day with everyone back in school and attendance was 97%, which is wonderful. I'm so pleased to see the high level of your confidence and trust in school that this represents. I'm also aware we have some students in self-isolation due to contact tracing and quarantine having returned from abroad. I want to thank those families for doing the right thing and keeping everyone safe.

Bring a mask and hand gel

I'm very grateful and proud of students for all wearing masks as asked on corridors. It's natural that some will get lost or forgotten sometimes and we have supplies to give out but every student must bring a mask and perhaps hide a spare in their bag, because at the current rate our supplies will cost the school too much. The same is true of sanitiser gel, if your child can carry their own bottle it will be faster and easier for them but also will save school money - at the moment we are projecting costs for the year of £10,000s for masks and sanitizer and there is no additional funding for this.

Basic personal equipment

Some students have arrived today without their basic personal equipment - sharing and lending is not safe so please ensure from Monday your child has at least a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator but also ideally also has a glue stick, school scissors (not pointed), some coloured pencils and geometry equipment.



Traffic outside school

Traffic around the school gate needs to be minimised. Please remember to drop off and pick up your child a 5 minute walk away from school and not directly outside school. Just text your child where you have parked or use the location tools on your phones to find each other.

Please use Parent Pay

Despite me writing about this last week too many students today are topping up their accounts for dinner money with cash in the machines. With only two machines this causes bubbles to mix and everyone touching the same keypad is a health risk. The split break and lunch means it also disturbs lessons. Top up machines must only be used in emergencies. Please help us all stay safe by topping up your child's account online with Parent Pay. If you have misplaced your login details, please email enquiries@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk with your child's name and year group.

Uniform and shoes

Uniform looks excellent but there are a few students with unsuitable shoes. Shoes must be completely black - no coloured logos, coloured soles or large metal decorations. Please see the website for examples. I realise shopping isn't easy at the moment, but please ensure the correct shoes are worn as soon as possible. Remember with well ventilated classrooms and students needing to be outside at break time, school jumpers and warm waterproof coats are essential.

What to do if my child is unwell

If your child is self-isolating we will send work home. Please keep your child at home if they have the symptoms of Covid and get a test. If the test is positive please tell us immediately so we can inform Public Health who can monitor if the school has an outbreak they need to take action on (remember Covid symptoms are a new continuous cough or fever or change in sense of taste/smell). For other minor illnesses without those symptoms please send your child to school as we must maximise attendance after the extended closure.

Visitors to the school

Please remember that in order to minimise the number of visitors into the school, we ask that parents/carers do not enter the school without an appointment. If you do attend a meeting in school, we ask that you wear a mask and that you sanitise your hands on arrival.

I hope school is not disrupted this term but we live in uncertain times. Everyone in your household doing their bit with social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing where required will help prevent local outbreaks and ensure schools can get on with the important job of full time face to face teaching.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr P Haigh
Headteacher

