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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families enjoyed the summer break. With the new term approaching, we thought it would be helpful to write to you with a few reminders ahead of school opening again, next week.

### **A few reminders**

Your child will start back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

As mentioned in our last correspondence with you, we have carefully developed risk assessments and routines to ensure all our students can return in September, in accordance with government guidance. It would be particularly helpful if you could look at these routines with your child. Please refer to our school website to download the routines (<https://www.marywebbschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Operational-Procedures-September.pdf>). For more details on how school will operate, please do not hesitate to contact the school with your query. We will be operating a one-way system - please refer to our website for a virtual tour.

### **Routines for September**

On arrival Senior Leaders will meet and greet students, guiding them to their tutor rooms. Tutors will be waiting for their respective groups to arrive and when they do, students will be asked to sanitise their hands. When all students have registered, tutors will talk to students about the plans for the day and upcoming weeks. Please do not be anxious, we will discuss the daily routine and start the day in a reassuring and supportive manner. Timetables and student planners will be issued, school expectations reinforced and more generally an opportunity gained for students and staff to begin to catch-up.

We are aware sleep patterns may have changed for some children, so we would encourage a return to normal routines, conducive with school times a week before your child starts school in September. Linked to this is hydration, students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle with them to support learning - unfortunately, they will not be able to use water fountains around school, as a result of the guidance issued to schools.

### **Hygiene**

Students will be asked to sanitise their hands throughout the day. In our risk assessment, we require all students to bring their own hand sanitiser to school. Hand sanitiser **does not have to be alcohol-free** (science lesson safety guidance advised this, but we have now made alternative arrangements for the few science lessons where this was an issue). A pocket pack of tissues are also required as part of the respiratory hygiene we need to promote (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it). Whilst we require all students to come to school with their own hand sanitiser and tissues every day, we do have provision in every classroom, should students run out of their own supplies during the day.

## **School bag and equipment**

Students will need a sensible school bag and equipment to support their learning (Page 4 of the school planner has an equipment list). Students must keep their school bag with them at all times, the cloakroom area will not be open, but lockers can still be used. In addition, all students should carry two reading books with them (other sensible reading material can be considered, with two books as the minimum). Reading registration for Year 11 will be moved to Thursday and Friday, as we continue to promote the joy of reading and supporting literacy within the school; this is one of Mary Webb School and Science College's 'trademarks'.

## **Uniform**

Expectations from September 2020



Thank you to the vast majority of students who wear the correct uniform. A small minority of students (and parents) were spoken to prior to lockdown where uniform was not meeting our high expectations. We would appreciate the support of all parents, for the start of the new academic year. This applies to school PE uniform as well. If you are unclear on uniform please refer to our school website: <https://www.marywebbschool.com/uniform/>

## **Attendance**

As mentioned the school has worked very hard on creating sensible, realistic risk assessments, and making the school safe. We will work with families to secure full attendance for all students from the start of the new academic year. We are happy to speak to parents/carers should concerns remain. If your child or a member of your household shows symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, your child must not attend school, as per government advice (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>). If your child has symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), they must stay home for at least 10 days from the first sign of symptoms. If a member of your household has the symptoms, or you've been told by NHS Test and Trace your child has been in contact with someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19), your child must stay home for 14 days, from the first sign of symptoms. Current government advice is to get tested, as soon as possible, if symptoms are present. Further information on self-

isolation can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

It will help us if you inform us of the result of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test, as this is a crucial part of our engagement with the NHS Test & Trace process.

**Returning to School**

Following the significant disruption in education due to Covid 19, school attendance will again be compulsory from September 2020.

We are aware this may raise some anxieties or questions - therefore we have implemented a support service for parents, carers and pupils to try to ensure a successful return to school.

Support will be available from:  
**17th August until 2nd September 2020**  
**Monday to Friday 9am—5pm**

For help, support, guidance and advice, contact us:  
**03456789008**

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### **School transport**

The Department for Education have confirmed the rules now in force for passengers on public transport (local bus services) will not apply on dedicated (contracted) school transport from September 2020, and hence social distancing will not apply to these buses/taxis. Students will be seated in Year Group 'bubbles', with the eldest Year Group 'bubble' (Year 11) sitting at the rear, progressing to the youngest at the front (Year 7). Students are advised to wear face coverings whilst on the bus/taxi (note this is mandatory on public transport). On arrival at school students should place reusable masks in a plastic bag, then place the plastic bag in their school bag, whereas disposable face coverings must be placed in the bins provided. Hands must then be sanitised.

### **Finally**

We hope you, your child and family have enjoyed the summer so far and continue to enjoy what is left of it. We are all looking forward to seeing your child in September, as we start working with them again and supporting their education – opening their minds and widening their horizons.

Please contact Miss Pugh for Key Stage 3 queries and Mr Jervis for Key Stage 4 queries.

Yours sincerely

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