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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

We were delighted to welcome all students back to school this week. After such a long break from school it is good to get back to some sense of normality. Attendance at school this week has been very high, so I would like to thank parents for their support in helping students return to school. We know that there have been some students who are anxious about returning to school and I hope that this week has gone some way to reassuring them that we have done all we can to ensure the school is as safe as possible. Our fantastic Pastoral and Chaplaincy Teams have been working to support students as best they can. If you need their support then please do get in contact.

Routines & Expectations

We know it is going to take some time for all members of our community to settle back into this new rhythm of how school is working. Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students who have joined us are settling in well and it has been great to finally meet them in person. Students returning to us are starting to get used to the new ways of operating and it's important that they do this as quickly as possible. Students have returned to school looking smart and smiling, which is exactly what we wanted. It has been great to hear students have had a fantastic day when they leave.

Our first priority this term is to re-engage students with the routine of the school day and with their learning. There have been a few tired faces towards the end of the week, which is to be expected. Getting back into good sleep routines will really help with this as will establishing a timetable for completing Home Learning. Over the next few weeks, we want to ensure that all students are meeting our high expectations in terms of school uniform and behaviour. If your child is not in full school uniform, we would ask that you address this as soon as possible. Should you require any assistance then please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year. Our behaviour code is really simple. We expect all students to be ready to learn, respectful and keep themselves and others safe.



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Arrivals and departures

It has been great to finally meet new parents at the gate each morning. It's important that we do our best to keep this area as clear as possible and ensure we maintain 2m social distancing protocol. If it gets busy around the school gate, we will have to ask parents to politely move on so we ensure the safety of staff and students.

We have asked that students avoid arriving at school before 8:30 am. We know that some children need to be dropped off early. As a result, we are changing the protocol for arrival at school. From Monday 14th September, we will be asking all students to report to their allocated yard or outdoor space. Students should not be wandering around the school. A bell will ring at 8:40am signalling that it is now time to make their way to Ready to Learn Time for morning registration. Please can you make sure your child is aware of this change.

Ensuring the safety of students outside school

Parking is always a concern for us as it gets very busy outside the Trumlands Road and West Hill Road exits. If you can encourage your child to meet you a short walk away from school this will really help to reduce congestion and keep our students safe. Traffic enforcement officers will be undertaking spot checks so please ensure you are parked safely and legally! This year we will be working with the Local Authority to find a permanent solution to the concerns we have around traffic and student safety. In the interim we want to propose a voluntary one-way system where parents only travel up the hill on Trumlands Road during collection and drop off times. We believe this would really help the situation and would encourage parents to try this.

Visitors to school

To ensure we are compliant with our Health and Safety Risk Assessment, it is important that we remind parents they can only enter the school site if they have a prearranged appointment. Please email our Admin Team or call the Main Reception to arrange an appointment. All visitors are now required to wear a facial covering so please don't be offended if we ask you to do so. This ensures the safety of staff and students.

Contacting School

Most general enquiries from parents will be handled by our Reception Team. Please do visit the website as most of the information can be found online. Our dedicated Student Services Team are happy to help with enquiries related to lost property, first aid and messages that need to be passed on to students. Our Reception Team will deal with general enquiries relating to FSM, Parent Pay, school trips and admissions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Attached to this letter is an updated version of our FAQ's. Please refer to this for information about practices and procedures at STCM.

Finally, I would like finish by saying again how great it has been to see all students back in school this week. This is going to be a challenging but exciting year ahead and we look forward to working with all families again over the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Down', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr James Down
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