



2 September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 Starting school 2020

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well and trust that you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. As we approach the beginning of the autumn term, and with news about schools prevalent in the media, I wanted to update you on the latest updates to our reopening plans.

Your child is expected to arrive at school on **Tuesday 8 September at 8.35am** using the **Pindar Road entrance** as part of the Year 7 'bubble'. Students are expected to wear their full uniform and need to bring their own equipment as this cannot be routinely borrowed from school. Break and lunchtimes are staggered; students can buy food at lunchtime when there will be a hot or cold offer depending on the rota system but they cannot buy food at morning break. As outlined in my previous letter, students must abide by the Coronavirus Code of Conduct in order to maintain the safety and security of all members of the school community, using designated toilets and playground areas in order to stay within their bubble. You can find a reminder of all our new procedures on the school website at www.georgepindarschool.org and I would urge you to go through the latest presentation with your child.

You may have seen the latest guidance on the use of face coverings for young people over the age of 11. In line with advice from Public Health Yorkshire and Humber, we recommend the use of face coverings in corridors and communal areas. In case of a local lockdown, this would become mandatory. There is advice and guidance on our website which you may find useful.

School attendance is of course vitally important and the Government has stressed this in recent weeks. Please note that students with any of the following symptoms must not attend school and should get a test for Coronavirus as soon as possible, informing school of the results:

- New and continuous cough
- High temperature
- Change or loss of sense of taste / smell

If students develop these symptoms in school, we will ask for them to be collected as soon as practically possible. It is therefore vital that we hold an up-to-date contact number for parents / carers so please let the school know if you have changed your details.

The last six months have been unprecedented and I am sure that many of you, like me, cannot wait for a return to 'normality' of which school is such a big part. The move to secondary school is always a big moment in a child's life but I understand that some of you may be more anxious than previously and urge you to read closely all the information on our website regarding the measures we have put in place to safely welcome your child to school. We are looking forward to meeting every single student next week when I have no doubt they will make us extremely #ProudToBePindar.

Yours sincerely

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