



## Newsletter 11.09.20

### Message from the Acting Headteacher:

As we reach the end of our first full week back, I would like to start by thanking every member of our school community for the way in which they have approached our return. Despite the many new systems in place and disruptions to our normal way of working, staff, students and parents have all shown great flexibility and understanding in their approach to the new academic year.

It has been fantastic to have our school community back together again and to see everyone so positive about our return.

We are continuing to review our new systems and adapt them to further improve everyone's experience in school and, as such, there are now a few things that we ask of you to support us in keeping everyone in our school community and our wider local community safe, happy and confident.

Firstly, while our students have been fantastic at following our rules and systems while on site, I ask that you stress the importance of following the national guidelines once they leave as well. While the risk to the students themselves may be small, we are working hard to educate them of the role they have to play in preventing the spread of the virus in the community and your support in reinforcing this message would be much appreciated. Wearing face coverings where appropriate and maintaining 2m social distancing is really important both inside and outside of school.

I really do appreciate the efforts of all our students and parents to adapt to this new way of working and I know that we have more students than ever now walking or cycling to school which is fantastic. I know many of you have also chosen to drive your children to school to avoid public transport which I fully understand. However, congestion around our site is always somewhat of an issue and this increased traffic is causing some problems. Please avoid parking on or driving down Graham Road at the end of the school day to allow the bus services access and, if you are parking on Meols Drive, please be mindful that there is a pedestrian crossing that many of our students use to access the bus service on the other side of the road. Blocking or obscuring this does put our students in danger, so we ask for your support in this matter.

Thank you again to everyone for their ongoing support and I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

- Mr S Clarke

### Locker keys

We are in the process of collecting last year's locker keys from students. Could you please ensure that your child/ward hands their locker key to their form tutor if they have not yet done so. If your child/ward has lost their locker key, there is a £5.00 charge which should be paid as soon as possible via the online payment system.

### Lost Property

Next week, all students will be given the opportunity to look through lost property for items they have mislaid. Anything not collected, will be donated to FUSS (free uniform for schools charity) or discarded.

### Online payments

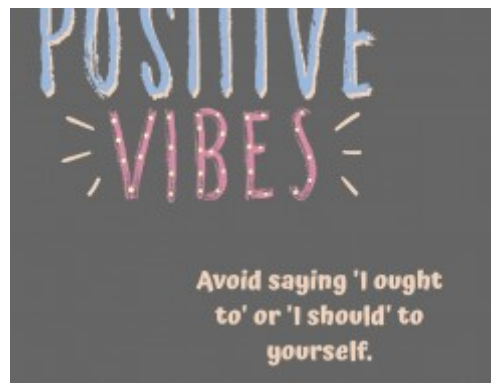
All payments now need to be made online as our Finance Office will no longer be accepting cash. This will also be rolled out to the dining room with the intention of removing dinner money loaders from the dining hall so catering payments will be online also.



## What we've been up to...



Self-Care September - Day 10: Give yourself permission to say no to requests from others. #wellbeing #SelfCareSeptember <https://t.co/9riVURLoAE>



Self-Care September - Day 9: Avoid saying 'I ought to' or 'I should' to yourself. #SelfCareSeptember #wellbeing #BeKind <https://t.co/bBkrptUgwY>

## upcoming events

Harvest Week

12th October - 16th October



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