

Dear Parents / Carers,

As this is the first week back after a very long time for the children being off school I thought it would be useful to give you an update of how things have worked this week, and any notices to share:

	What we would like you to do?
Learning behaviours and conduct has been excellent in all lessons – classrooms are quiet and students are fully engaged in learning – it is wonderful to see.	Lots of positive praise and encouragement
Students have adjusted better each day to the routines and our expectations	Piercings to be removed before school No coloured hair please – change it this weekend Long nails / acrylics should be natural length – health and safety reasons
All students are following our one way system around school	Lots of praise and encouragement
All students and staff are wearing face coverings in communal areas inside the building. However, we are still having to remind students to keep them on and wear them properly.	Make sure they have one, and a spare would be useful Please wash them / replace them often Talk to them about safety and responsibility to themselves and others
At break - each year group has a separate area: eating zone facing forwards (face coverings off) a quiet room (face coverings on) an indoor space (face coverings on) An outdoor area (face coverings off) They are reminded about social distancing, and their responsibility to self-manage	Please talk to them about the need to spread out and keep a distance as far as possible. They have not been good at this when outside.
Arriving and leaving site: On arrival students should go to their line up zone immediately They should leave site quickly and not wait outside in large groups – we are moving them along.	They should not arrive before 8.25am unless going to breakfast in the canteen Pick-up – please be very vigilant when driving to pick up children as there are blind corners. Please arrange pickup away from the exit roads (park and stride). <i>Please be polite if we move you on for the safety of our children</i>
Parental meetings	Meetings by appointment only Do not turn up at reception without an appointment – you will be turned away

Homework – students homework for this week has been checked in their booklet There is a homework club for each year group every day to support them	Please ensure they catch up this weekend – we will check on Monday.
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Finally, a notice from Mr Kelly about our statutory obligation for RSE - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is changing this year all the information is on our RSE section of the webpage. For further information or to discuss any issues contact Mr Kelly skelly@sdcc.net.

It has been a very long week – both staff and children are very tired, so some downtime this weekend will be well deserved. Can I thank all parents for their support in returning to school – attendance is about 96.5%, which is a great start and so important for students' emotional wellbeing to be back learning and engaging with others.

Kind regards



Anita Frier

Executive Principal