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Dear Parents and Carers

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I just wanted to write this letter to thank you for your support in making the start to this term such a positive one. This was always going to be a term that would be very different to previous ones but the manner in which your children have returned to school has thus far been exemplary. Uniform is excellent and the vast majority of pupils have their fully stocked pencil cases. Your children have also responded very well to all the new COVID-19 measures that are in place and I hope that they and you are assured that we are doing all we can to provide a high quality curriculum whilst ensuring the safety of all of us in our community.

I would like to extend a special thank you and welcome to those of you who are parents of our new year 7 cohort. They have started their Campion journey exceptionally well and already we can see enormous potential within them all.

If I could take this opportunity for a couple of COVID related reminders for parents and children:

- If your child or their siblings display any symptoms then they must all be kept off school until a negative test result is confirmed
- If you are able to send in your children with their own hand sanitiser, please do so and encourage them to sanitise regularly throughout the day
- Pupils must have their own pencil case of equipment
- If you aren't yet on parentmail including the downloading of the app please sign up as soon as possible.
- If you change any contact details, especially address and telephone numbers, please inform the office immediately on 0121 464 7700

I have sent out on parentmail a guide for all parents and carers about what to do regarding any COVID related absences. It is very comprehensive and will be helpful for you if you are unsure whether you should send your child in to school. We are heading into cough and cold season and you can appreciate that this makes determining whether you or your child is symptomatic more complicated. The symptoms for COVID 19 are:

- a high temperature of 37.8°C – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. More guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

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If your child has a cold that does not contain one of these symptoms, they should be in school.

We will be sending out more information soon regarding any remote learning that may take place in the event of any partial or full lockdown measures imposed. We will be using Microsoft Teams as our vehicle for this and more information will follow. I would also direct you to our school website and in particular the curriculum section on this. You'll see that there is a breakdown for each subject as to the full curriculum for each year group which you will find useful.

Finally some information regarding our early closures every Friday week B and our teacher training day.

Every Friday week B:

- Year 11 will be dismissed at 2.00 via Holly Lane
- Years 7 and 8 will be dismissed at 2.20 (Year 7 Orphanage Rd and Year 8 Holly Lane)
- Years 9 and 10 dismissed at 2.30 (Year 9 Orphanage Rd and Year 10 Holly Lane)
- Post 16 will be dismissed at 2.15 via Holly Lane

We are holding a teacher training day next **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** to focus on our remote learning strategy. This means that there will be no pupils on site at all on this day.

Thank you once again for your continued support and in the words of St Teresa of Calcutta:

*'Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love.'*

Yours faithfully



Mr A. Grant (Headteacher)

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