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Dear parents/carers,

I am pleased to say that after our first week back at school attendance has been at 97%, and students and staff have been really pleased to be back. The testing process has gone well in school and now students are expected to test themselves twice a week from home. Please help your children to do this as the more we are all testing the more chance we have to pick up cases and keep everyone in school and safe. Parents are also able to access testing kits to test twice a week. Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by going to the following website; www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests

I am pleased to say that since our return, we have not had a COVID case within school, thanks to the co-operation of everyone following the rules social distancing, where possible wearing masks and washing/sanitising hands regularly.

Uniform

We appreciate that it has been difficult for parents to buy uniform with shops closed, however we expect that after the Easter holidays all students will be in full school uniform and complying with our expectations. I would like to remind you that the following are not allowed:

Nose piercings

False nails/nail extensions/nail varnish

Coloured hair

Eyelash extensions

Lines in hair and eyebrows

Large earrings (small studs are acceptable)

Make-up

Please see full uniform list on pages 14/15 of student planner.

Please be aware that students not following uniform rules may be placed in isolation and parents will be contacted. If you are in need of new uniform please contact Gogna schoolwear, 67-69 Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9QU, Tel 0121 523 5572 in the afternoons only, they are currently operating on an online or click and collect basis.

Parentmail

We will now be using email as our main way of communicating with parents and therefore it is vital that we hold the correct email address for all of our parents and that you have signed up to Parentmail. We will only use the texting service for emergency texts only. If you want to receive notifications and communication from school it is essential that we have a valid email address and that you have downloaded the Parentmail app. Please can you ensure that your details held by the school office are accurate and up to date.





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Extra-curricular-clubs

We have now started extra-curricular clubs and I would encourage all students to take part and get active after this long period of lockdown. I have attached the timetable for your information. We also run a varied music timetable which is valuable to students learning, again I encourage full attendance at these lessons as they enhance the learning that takes place within the curriculum. Both timetables are available on the school website.

Detentions

After school detentions will resume next week run by heads of year. You will be informed if your child has a detention and the reason for this.

Important dates for your diary

- Thursday 25th March** **Year 8 parents evening (online appointments booked on school cloud)**
- Wednesday 31st March** **Students break up for Easter holidays**
- Thursday 1st April** **Staff Training Day, school closed to all students (changed from 22nd March)**
- Monday 19th April** **School re-opens for all students as normal at 8.45a.m**

Police news

Police continue to stay in touch with school regarding incidents in the local community, and they still have concerns about youth violence in the area. We want to keep all our children safe, so we ask that pupils go straight home after school and do not hang around. COVID restrictions are still in place and students should not be hanging around after school. Certain areas of the city have seen COVID numbers increase slightly so I would like to remind you all about the importance of social distancing and wearing of masks.

Interventions for students

Students have been very eager to get back to learning and we are addressing learning gaps within lessons through in class teaching and intervention groups where needed. Year 12/13 assertive mentoring starts next week for those students who have been identified as falling behind in their studies. Year 11 session 6 also begin next week therefore lessons will run for Year 11 until 4.00pm.

I would like to thank you for supporting the school with our return to the classroom. Please do contact me with any concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely,

J Sweeney
Headteacher

