

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Full Return to School

We are delighted that school will return for all years as normal on **Tuesday 9th March 2021**.
Year 7, 8 and 9 should arrive in school between **8:10 and 8:20am** by the Downham gate and
Year 10 and 11 should arrive in school between **8:30 and 8:40am** and line up by the Kingsland gate.

Please read our **Parent and Student Guide** attached which contains all of our expectations and the other key information you need for the return to school. We have also put a handy checklist together below. We hope that students are becoming more independent so we strongly encourage you to support your child in taking ownership of the preparations on the checklist.

Preparing school uniform

- My blazer is clean and all buttons are on it.
- I have enough clean shirts for the week.
- My tie is clean and I have practised tying it so that it is down to my waist.
- My skirt or trousers are navy blue and not fitted or tight. My skirt is down to my knee.
- My socks or tights are plain black.
- My shoes are clean and black leather.
- I have removed all items not allowed in school such as jewellery, false nails, false eyelashes and hair dye ready for my return to school.
- My hair bands, hats, gloves and scarves are plain black.
- My coat is plain black and suitable for school.

Preparing PE kit

- My PE kit is ready and I know what days I have PE so that I wear it to school on that day.
- I have my HNS blue t-shirt.
- I have my blue navy HNS tracksuit bottoms or navy shorts.
- I have my blue football socks.
- I have my trainers which are preferably white or black.
- I know I also need to wear my blazer with my PE kit unless I am wearing the blue HNS jacket.

Preparing equipment

- I have a rucksack suitable for school. I do not have a handbag or other type of bag.
- I have at least 3 black pens.
- I have at least 2 pencils.
- I have at least 1 ruler.
- I have at least 1 rubber.
- I have at least 1 green pen.
- I have a pencil case.
- I have my lanyard with my lunch card.
- I have a scientific calculator and geometry set which includes a compass and protractor.
- I have a reading book.
- I have my timetable.
- I have all my school exercise books for my lessons each day. If my exercise book is finished I have already let my teacher know.
- I have my black or surgical mask.
- I have hand sanitiser.
- I have some change in case I have any missing equipment so I can buy it in the morning at school. Each item costs 10p.
- I have everything ready for the next day before I go to bed so that I don't have any last minute problems.
- If I choose to bring my phone to school, I know it must be switched off completely in my bag and not in my pocket. My headphones will also be in my bag before I get to the school gate.

Other Preparations

- I have checked my parents or carers have topped up my lunch money or I have my packed lunch ready to go.
- I have set my alarm to allow myself plenty of time to get ready for school and travel there. As traffic will be uncertain I am planning to leave at least 15 minutes extra time than usual for my journey.
- I have read through the **Parent and Student Guide** and know what is expected of me when I return particularly with attention to SLANT, SHAPE and STEPS.
- I am ambitious to do well and I know that failing to prepare is preparing to fail. I am fully prepared to come back to school.

Please contact the school if you foresee any problems with anything in this checklist or the **Parent and Student Guide**. We are here to help you. Detentions will begin again on Wednesday 10th March 2021 and we are very keen for your child to avoid this sanction.

Also I would like to remind you that if you have not returned your consent form for Lateral Flow testing please do so. Please refer to our previous letter for the information regarding when **your child's first test is on Monday 8th March**.

If your child is unwell or has any symptoms of covid-19, please remember to call the school before 8:30am on the first day of absence.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to seeing your child next week.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher