



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have managed to enjoy the Summer holidays and that you are well and looking forward to the new Academic Year. During the Summer holidays, we have been busy preparing a Covid secure environment to ensure both students and staff are able to return to a fully functioning School and enjoy as much normality as possible.

When I wrote to you in the last week of term, I set out the logistics of how the School will operate and I am pleased to say that we have put all of those plans into place and are now fully ready to re-open. Click [here](#) to read the letter again as a reminder.

On Friday 4th September, we will have a full Induction Day for our new Year 7s and they will be the only year group in School. Normally we would invite the Year 7 parents in for an Induction Evening the night before in which I would talk about the aims of the School and expectations parents can have of us and us of you. Sadly, we are unable to do that due to government guidelines not yet allowing large gatherings so I have recorded a video message for you to watch instead. You can view the video message by clicking [here](#).

All Year Groups will return to School on Monday 7th September at the usual time of 8.30 - 4.00 and in order to keep Year Groups apart there are five different entrances and a different set of bike stands to help make sure everyone has enough space. The entrances are clearly signposted:

Year 7 enter via Reception

Year 8 enter via Student Entrance

Year 9 enter via Delivery Gate into Worton Hall

Year 10 enter via the Emergency Vehicle Gate into the Art Corridor

Year 11 enter via the Sports Box

Students will be expected to wear full School uniform including their blazer and on days when they have P.E. they should arrive to School wearing their PE kit as we will not be using the changing rooms. Should your child wish to have a clean set of uniform in their bag and change in a toilet they may do so.

Face coverings will be optional in corridors and communal areas such as dining halls and for Year Group Assemblies. They should not be worn in lessons. We will review this situation on an ongoing basis in line with government guidance.

Your child's attendance is vital for not only their learning but also for their emotional wellbeing. I know that you will have been following the Press and may be concerned about how things will play out in schools but could I please reassure you that we haven't taken all of the necessary precautions



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to make the environment safe, yet the biggest single factor in keeping Covid-19 at bay is for everyone to take responsibility for their own personal hygiene. I would be very grateful if you would keep talking to your son / daughter about their hygiene routines and be as positive as you can in encouraging them back to School. Your children excelled during the Lockdown showing great resilience and the ability to adapt and we have confidence in your children adapting to new routines which will be fully explained in assemblies and tutor times. Parents are encouraged to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school.

Enrichment Clubs will run in Year Group bubbles and the programme will be sent to you shortly for your child to sign up.

My overriding message is that Teachers cannot wait to see their students again and of course meet our new Year 7s. We have really missed everyone and are very excited to be returning to a fully functioning School and working hard to develop your child in every way we can; that's why we are here!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office by email to office@hoevalleyschool.org.

Enjoy the rest of this week and I look forward to working with you again this Academic Year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Davies
Head Teacher