

2 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we are ready to welcome all of our students back to school. We have been very busy throughout the summer making sure the school is as safe as it possibly can be. This week we are training our teachers on the new procedures and routines. I can confidently say they are very keen to get back to the classroom and start teaching again.

First of all, I would like to set out our current position on student face coverings. We have decided that students will be allowed to wear a face covering inside and outside the school building. This means that your child will be allowed to wear a face covering in the corridor, canteen, toilets and playground. Face coverings will not be mandatory – your child will be able to wear a face covering if they wish. Please note that children will **not** be allowed to wear a face covering in classrooms. This is because it is important for children to be able to communicate effectively with their teachers.

As secondary school children must wear a face covering when travelling on public transport or when entering shops; therefore we recommend that your child brings a face covering to school every day.

Face coverings should be plain, logo-free and ideally in the school colours of green, grey or white. Face coverings should cover the nose and the mouth. There are a number of websites which explain how to make a face covering at home e.g. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering> .

When removing a face covering children **must** follow the appropriate procedure:

- Untie the strings behind their head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold the outside corners together
- Be careful not to touch eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

Disposable face coverings must be discarded in the waste bin; reusable face masks must be stored in plastic bags and washed every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our return dates and times. These are:

Thursday 3rd September - Induction day for Years 7 and 12 at Ealing Road

Friday 4th September - Induction day for Years 7 and 12 at Ealing Road

Monday 7th September - All students return for Wellbeing Day

Year 7: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 8: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Ealing Road)
Year 9: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 10: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 11: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 12: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 13: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Stanley Avenue)

Tuesday 8th September - All students in school for Ready to Learn Day (same times as Monday)

Year 7: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 8: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Ealing Road)
Year 9: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 10: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 11: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 12: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)
Year 13: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Stanley Avenue)

Wednesday 9th September - Normal lessons for all year groups

Year 7: 8:30am to 3:25pm (Ealing Road)
Year 8: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Ealing Road)
Year 9: 8:30am to 3:05pm (Ealing Road)
Year 10: 8:30am to 3:05pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 11: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Stanley Avenue)
Year 12: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Ealing Road)
Year 13: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Stanley Avenue)

A reminder that it is extremely important that you **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are showing any symptoms of coronavirus. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You **MUST NOT** send your child to school if you or anyone in your household has tested positive for coronavirus in the last 7 days.

Please make sure your child has their own **personal equipment** (equipment cannot be shared) and they are in **full school uniform**. We strongly encourage all children to **walk or cycle** to school. TfL currently limits the number of passengers allowed on each bus, so if your child uses public transport they must leave much earlier in the morning than they normally would do for **registration at 8:30am**. Also, children **MUST** go straight home at the end of the school day and must not loiter; they are **NOT** allowed to go into any of the local shops at the end of the school day.

Please inform your Pastoral Manager if you would like an older child to wait for a younger brother or sister at the end of the school day. Your Pastoral Manager will provide the older child with a special pass and explain where they need to wait inside the school grounds for younger siblings.

Please **DO NOT** give your child cash to bring to school to buy food. All purchases in school are made through the online parent pay system. For Parent Pay Guidance, please refer to our website <http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk/parents/information/parent-pay/>

We are delighted to inform you that we have commissioned a new catering company called Innovate and they begin working with us in September. Please take a few minutes to watch their welcome video and their Health & Safety message on You Tube.

Welcome to Innovate https://youtu.be/PbNx_ORv-YI

Health and Safety Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC0x95GeQI0&feature=youtu.be>

We will send more information about menus as the term progresses.

Once again, a very warm welcome back to school this autumn. We will continue to send further reminders about how we have adapted our school routines to make sure your child is kept safe during the day and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely,



Gerard McKenna
HEADTEACHER

