



Marden High School

Friday 18 August 2021

Dear All,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer. I am writing to let you all know of the arrangements for our return to school in September, with regard to the ongoing health issues around Covid that our country is still experiencing. In line with North Tyneside guidance, little will change in terms of the mitigations and arrangements we had in place at the end of last term. The number of cases nationally remains high, and our arrangements in school will be in line with what many businesses and other organisations across the country have put in place since the last government announcements, which stressed the responsibility we all have as groups of individuals to continue to follow hygiene measures and play our part in keeping each other safe and healthy.

- We will continue to have an increase in cleaning routines and more frequent cleaning of the building and surfaces.
- Everyone will still need to wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas, as these are relatively crowded indoor spaces. Students and staff may also wish to wear a face covering in the classroom.
- Hand sanitising will continue on entry to each room in the building.
- Students will need to bring their own water as communal water fountains will remain switched off for the time being.
- Ventilation will continue to play a key part in allowing fresh air into the building.
- There is no longer need to have year group bubbles as a Covid mitigation, but students will continue to be in zones during social times as this was found to have other benefits for the students in terms of increased space and quality of experience.
- Students and staff who may have been a close contact of someone who tests positive with Covid, will no longer be required to self-isolate, meaning that all the other controls and protections we have in place will become even more important in keeping everyone healthy and safe.
- We will be carrying out on site COVID testing for students on their return to school in September - details of times have been sent out to parents and appear below on the website.

- Following positive feedback Parents Evenings will remain as remote events using our School Cloud system.
- There is a set of slides on the school website - the 'Back to School' button - which goes through all these arrangements in detail. I would encourage parents and carers to look through these with their children to ensure everyone is familiar with them.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back once again to our safe and happy school, for what is sure to be an exciting and fulfilling year of learning and opportunity.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and take care.



Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher