

September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Marshland Autumn Term Update

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week and final preparations are being made to the school site.

Further to our previous letters in July and August, and in light of recent government guidance to schools, we have slightly updated our advice for parents. This reflects two areas of change:

Face Coverings

Guidance previously stated that face coverings are compulsory on both public and dedicated school transport. This remains the case. However, there is a change in the use of face coverings in school which we previously advised were not to be used once on site. The revised position is:

It is recommended that students wear face coverings in communal areas outside the classroom e.g. in corridors.

Furthermore, following government guidance, face coverings in classrooms should be avoided if possible, as other protective measures are in place.

The government has stated that it is reasonable to assume that students have access to face coverings due to their wider use in society. We will maintain a small contingency supply of face coverings for anyone struggling to access a face covering for whatever reason.

If used, face coverings are to be put on just before leaving the classroom so that students can use hand sanitiser when exiting the classroom. Face coverings are to be removed and placed in a resealable, plastic bag before entering the classroom and placed in their school bag. Students must use hand sanitiser upon entering the classroom.

Face coverings must be suitable for the school setting, and not include inappropriate language or images.

PE Kit

We are requesting that when students have PE they come into school wearing their PE kit and will remain in the kit all day. We recommend that they keep a spare PE top and tracksuit bottoms in their bag in case it rains during their outdoor lessons. Wherever possible, in the case of rain, PE lessons will be based in a classroom.

Additional reminders

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few points that are relevant for the start of the new term.

- No students on site until 8:30am
- Attendance at school is compulsory unless a medical professional recommends otherwise

- Other than those on buses students access the site via the pedestrian entrance and sanitise hands on arrival
- Students to go straight to their tutor base on arrival at school (we will let you know details before the start of term)
- No visitors are allowed on site

In the case of suspected COVID-19 symptoms, we will contact parents to collect their child and undertake testing. If the test is confirmed positive, then we will refer to Public Health England procedures including track and trace.

If you have changed contact address, email or telephone since March 2020 please let us know as soon as possible so that we are able to contact you in an emergency.

Thank you for your support and understanding so far this year. We are doing everything we can to implement a safe and calm environment and welcome your ongoing involvement and support.

Yours faithfully

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