

25th September 2020

Dear families,

Thank you for your ongoing support. The school has now been in session for three weeks and we continue to have a productive and positive start to the new term. Please see below updates for your information.

Flexible Learning

Flexible Learning and after school clubs will continue to be rolled out over the coming weeks. A timetable outlining which clubs are available and when, will be given to your child shortly. This will initially work on a year group basis, unless your child is accessing after school childcare in the Primary Phase. We are looking forward to being able to welcome back children participating in extra-curricular activities and ask that you encourage and support your child to take up their year group opportunities.

Attendance

It is important that children continue to attend school every day and return to their full-time education, learning together and making good progress. Thank you to all families supporting this. Please continue to emphasise to your child the importance of maintaining good attendance at school.

COVID-19

The changes and adaptations to our ways of working continue to be effective. Thank you to all families who have worked with us to support the new arrangements around drop off and collection. It is appreciated.

Earlier this week, we received confirmation of a positive case affecting Year 11. Following the robust procedures that we have in place, we contacted the Department for Education for further advice and, as directed, identified everyone who had significant contact with the case. A small number affected were sent home and asked to self-isolate in line with national guidance.

The daily work of the school continues and we are pleased to see the children working hard and adapting with maturity to the new systems in place.

As you may now be aware, Leeds will have additional social contact restrictions effective from midnight tonight (Friday), as it will become an 'area of intervention'. We appreciate that this may cause some anxiety and concern, however we know we must do all we can as a city to prevent infection rates continuing to rise.

In terms of changes for our school community, the new additional restrictions mean that we will be asking all Secondary Phase pupils to arrive at school with a face mask that they are to wear when moving around school and in communal areas and spaces. Pupils are not required to wear face masks when in coaching and lessons.

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When not attending school, it is important that all children follow the guidance and do not socialise or mix with others who they do not live with. This includes parks and communal outdoor spaces.

The important advice continues to be:

- Keep a safe distance wherever you can
- Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- Cover your face in enclosed spaces
- Stick to the new national “rule of six”
- Stick to the new local rules about social contact
- Isolate when you need to/are advised to

Vertical Coaching

Vertical coaching groups have been able to start meeting again together this week. Groups have been gathering in an appropriate venue and adhering to social distancing measures. We are pleased to see so many pupils enjoying and benefiting from the opportunity to meet with their coaching group and their coach. We will be running meetings with coaches and families later this term; more information to follow.

Open Events

As we prepare to provide information about our school for prospective parents choosing a Reception and Year 7 place for next academic year, we will be posting on our website shortly a short film sharing our values, ethos, work and successes. We look forward to sending you this link for your information and to share with any families considering CMCS for their child in the future.

The safety and wellbeing of our whole school community continues to be our main priority and we are grateful to pupils and parents/carers for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Lucie Lakin
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