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Dear parent and carer

PARENT UPDATE

Thank you for all of your support so far. This has been our first full week in with all year groups and it has been a great week. When I wrote to you before we opened to all I did say that we would be making changes as we need to. This situation changes daily and the advice we get also changes rapidly.

TESTING

We know that getting appointments has been problematic. Liverpool City Council are looking at different ways of accessing tests quickly and locally. We also have a very small number of kits in school too. These would only be for students with one or more of the Covid-19 symptoms who cannot access testing easily.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS REGARDING COVID-19

I have been working on a flow chart for you as parents and carers regarding what to do when. Some situations regarding covid-19 are very simple; child showing symptoms then keep at home and get a test. Others are less so and we have responded individually to you as you have rung. We want to support you in your decisions, so I will share this once it has been agreed by Liverpool City Council and Public Health England. However, any questions please ask until we publish this. If your son or daughter receives a positive test result out of school hours, you must alert us by sending an email to covid@st-hildas.co.uk This allows me to then alert anyone I need to alert and decide if we need to isolate bubbles or groups of students.

CHANGES TO OUTDOOR ZONES FROM MONDAY MORNING

After having been in school for a week we have noticed some areas that need a few changes.

- Year 11 will use the Ullet Road gates.
- Year 9 will use the entrance in the staff car park. Their walkway has been cordoned off.
- Year 8 will come in through our student entrance on Croxteth Drive.

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LOCKERS

During form time on Monday students in Years 9-11 will be given a locker. Some lockers, depending on the zone, may need to be shared.

Years 7 & 8 will have space within their form rooms to leave their coats and bags.

PE AND A RETURN TO CHANGING ROOMS

We have looked at our changing areas and created some more space and an enhanced cleaning rota so that we are happy for students to get changed in school. From Monday onwards students must not wear their PE kits to school. They should bring their full PE kit with them. **PLEASE NOTE THAT LEGGINGS OR SKINS ARE NOT ALLOWED NOW WE HAVE CHANGING FACILITIES.** If in any doubt, please refer to the website <http://www.st-hildas.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/PE-kit-from-September-2020-information-REV.pdf>

MOVEMENT AROUND THE SCHOOL

It is vital that we socially distance as much as possible. We are now requesting that students walk around the school building in single file to allow for some distance on corridors. I would still urge you to promote the wearing of masks in these areas if your son or daughter can. There is a large number of students who are doing this. As we see the numbers of cases increase and we enter a period of further restrictions, our behaviour will impact on what happens in Liverpool.

WATER

We are looking for solutions to our water fountains which have been switched off due to cross-contamination. We are selling water from Monday at cost price to us. We are asking that students dispose of the bottles in our recycling bins. We will continue to look for solutions for free water for all.

BUSES

We still continue to speak to our bus service providers on your behalf about the lack of buses and some of our students waiting significant periods of time for a bus. I would also ask you to raise your complaints directly with them as well.

BLENDED LEARNING

This is a term that means a mixture of in-school and at home learning. We have learnt a lot about home learning during lockdown. We are building on this and are using more e-learning for homeworks etc. I have sent a link to you today which I would appreciate a speedy reply to. It is about your son or daughter's access to laptops and equipment.

ON A REALLY POSITIVE NOTE

It is fabulous to have your sons and daughters back with us. They have adapted so well. Their laughter and voices fill our school once again. When I walk around the different floors of the school, they are working really hard and really getting back into being in the building. Our new Year 7s have settled in really well. The biggest year group in the history of the school! I have been overwhelmed by the number of 'thank-yous' I have had regarding how safe they feel in the building and the number of emails from you to say the same.

We are in a pandemic and some of the decisions I have to make may not be the most popular. I would ask that you as parents and carers support them and understand that I never take any decision lightly and I will have given it a lot of thought. Let's work together, as we always do, to make this school and our communities the safest they can be.



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