



# FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL

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5 March 2021

Dear parent/carers,

I would like to begin this letter by thanking you all for the efforts you have made to balance your own working needs whilst encouraging your children to remain motivated and engaged with our remote learning programme over recent months. Your continued support will have enabled them to achieve the successes and outcomes that they deserve.

Staff have been working hard to make their pastoral and safeguarding phone calls and I'm sure you will agree they have been doing a fantastic job. If there is a member of staff you would like to highlight for their efforts in this please contact the school to let me know. There is also a wider National Thank A Teacher campaign where you can nominate individual staff members via this link <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

As we look forward to our students returning next week – Years 11 and 9 on Monday 8 March, Years 7, 8 and 10 on Tuesday 9 March – for full-time on-site learning, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and them of our expectations. Students will be required to wear full school uniform from their first day back, jewellery must be limited to a wristwatch and one pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings worn in the earlobes, students should not have extreme hairstyles or dyed hair, including dip-dyed, make-up, nail polish and false nails are not permitted. You can find full details on the school website <http://www.5acreshighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Expectations&pid=67>.

Students should also arrive into school on their first day fully equipped with the correct items of stationery. The school has stock of the necessary items, and should your child need to purchase equipment the items will be added to their ParentPay account. Please can you check whether there are any outstanding balances on their accounts for items that were purchased prior to lockdown.

This week has seen a fantastic turnout of students coming into school for their first Lateral Flow Device Covid-19 test ahead of our wider reopening next week. We have been able to test 83% of our Year 8 cohort, 86% of Year 9, 83% of Year 10 and 89% of Year 11. As I write to you, our Year 7 students are attending to take their first test. Your understanding and commitment to the school's undertaking of this task is appreciated.

May I remind you of the recent Government guidance around students wearing face masks. They will be required to be worn throughout the day including in classrooms. Where possible, it would be beneficial for students to carry additional masks to enable them to change them through the day. Please spend some time talking through with your child the process of putting on and removing face masks to ensure they are kept hygienic. There are a number of videos to demonstrate the process such as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDUMqKAbYkk>

Kind regards,

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