

1 September 2020

Dear Parent

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Thursday 3 September. I am very aware of how nervous some people are, having spoken to quite a few students recently. Your concerns are entirely understandable and not unusual in any way. Many people I have spoken to, who are returning to offices and other jobs after a long period of separation, feel exactly the same. We will overcome this together once we are back in the swing of things and we are all used to the new way of working, it will quickly become our new normal. Please do not hesitate to find someone to speak to should you need to, we are here to support you through this process.

The return to school as I am sure you are aware, will look and feel different. We have previously circulated documentation letting students know what they need to do to get onto site, along with a map detailing line up points. Upon arrival and during the day there will be lots of staff around to support.

As I said I would, when we first talked about reopening, I will share any adjustments to our procedures prior to implementing them. One such adjustment relates to the use of face masks: we will be permitting students from Thursday *not to wear face masks in external areas*, as students rotate around the school at break time and lunchtime once they are outside. This should give a degree of respite for students in between lessons, before and after school. The use of all measures including face masks is under constant review, however I will let you know before I make any significant adjustments.

The canteen facilities is available, however we are encouraging packed lunches at this point. Free school meals pupils will be entitled to a school meal.

**Free School Meals** are available if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guarantee element of state Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190 or Working Tax Credit. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please use the following link: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/freeschool-meals/](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/freeschool-meals/).

Please be aware that if we suspect that your child may be showing COVID-related symptoms, they will be sent home and you **must** ensure that they are tested before they can return to school. **We will require evidence of the test result either negative or positive.** If the test proves positive, your child will be asked to self isolate for 14 days. We at that point will put measures in place to ensure the safety of the bubble your child was in.

Thank you for supporting our uniform shop over the last few weeks, and of course your patience. Uniform is available on a 'click and collect' basis from our online uniform shop throughout the term. Once your order has been processed, you will be given a time slot for collection. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=383>.

I end where I started, we very much look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

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Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



**Below are our COVID-19 documents:**

- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020 Student How to Guide.docx](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 15:50
- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020 Student Map](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 11:32
- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 16:04