



## ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Now the new term is well underway I thought I would write to update you on a number of matters, particularly to do with our new ways of working. Before I go into detail I would like to thank our students for the way they have returned to their learning after a significant period of time out of school. I would also like to express my gratitude to you for your support and positive messages regarding the start to term, which has been a little different for all of us here at Abbey Park School.

### Students travelling to and from school

Please can you remind your child of the 'rule of six'. We do have a number of students who are not following the 'rule of six', congregating at the park opposite the school and around the shops in Redhouse. Please could you encourage your child to make their way straight home at the end of the school day. Also, having liaised with the management at Tesco we have confirmed with them to stop serving students in the morning by 8.35am, so that they are on time to school. Students are only allowed into the shop in small numbers.

We have reviewed the staggered start and end to the school day to alleviate the flow of students into school. Year 7, 8 and 9 will be able to arrive from 8.15am but please encourage your child not to arrive early or congregate on the path around the student gate. These new times will be in place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September (see the table below) and will have a small impact on detention times. Currently, detentions for each year group run for 30 minutes from the end of the school day and late detentions for 1 hour.

If you drop or pick up your child by car, please use the spaces available in the carpark and avoid stopping in the area at the student gate. Stopping by the roundabout is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and motorists.

Year group	Wing/Bubble	Arrival to school	Entrance	Wing Entrance	Finish time	Wing exit	Exit
Yr11	Red Wing	8.20am	Front of school	Downstairs Red Wing	3.10pm	Downstairs Red Wing Street	Front of school



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<b>Yr10</b>	Green Wing (First floor)	8.30 am	Front of school	Pupils enter via the street and take the second exit to outside and then access the wing via the green wing fire escape.	3.00pm	Pupils exit via the green wing fire escape and return into the street and exit via the front of school.	Front of School
<b>Yr9</b>	Blue Wing	8.15am	Student Gate	Fire exits	3.10pm	Fire exits	Student Gate
<b>Yr8</b>	Yellow Wing	8.15am	Student Gate	Fire exits	3.05pm	Fire exits	Student Gate
<b>Yr7</b>	Green Wing (Ground floor)	8.15am	Student Gate	Fire exit (Ground floor)	3.00pm	Fire exit (Ground floor)	Student Gate

### Hands, Face, Space

We have adopted this slogan in school as this is the most likely way in which we will keep year bubbles in attendance. Students have adapted quickly to the wearing of face masks in corridors and communal areas, however there are a significant number forgetting to bring a mask to school. Whilst we won't stop children entering the school, we cannot continue to give out masks at the rate in which we are doing so at the moment. Please can you ensure your child comes to school fully equipped and in possession of a plain disposable or washable mask and a small plastic bag to keep it in when not in use. Regarding cleaning of hands, we do have hand washing facilities and sanitiser available and we persistently encourage students to use these. As for space, it may seem strange to students that we would like them to socially distance outside of the classroom after sitting alongside each other in lesson, but again this helps minimise the risk of transmission.

### Equipment

Organisation is an aspect of 'Abbey Park Proud' we promote. It is important your child comes to school fully equipped, ready to learn. Due to the circumstances we are unable to share equipment with students, therefore a lack of equipment can hinder learning. Students should be equipped with the following:



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Pen Black or Blue x 2	Coloured pencils	Pair of compasses
Pencil x 2	Green pen (for noting feedback)	Protractor
Pencil Sharpener		
Ruler	Highlighter pens	Dictionary
Rubber	Glue stick	Pair of headphones
Pair of safety scissors	Calculator	Reading book (from home)

### Show My Homework

All students have a 'Show My Homework' account and parents are also able to set up an account to oversee the work that has been set for their child. Some teachers have requested that students submit their work on SMHW which has proved challenging for some students. In addition to this letter please see the attached document which provides a short user guide to SHMW.

### Lunchtime

We are looking to make hot meals from the canteen available to all year groups, in early October. A letter will follow informing you of how this system will operate.

### Attendance and Holidays

With the holiday at the end of term 1 approaching, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct -2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, I would like to remind you, the expectation is that students are able to return to school when we start back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. If you plan to go abroad to a country on the quarantine list, where you know beforehand that your child will need to isolate for 14 days on their return, the absence will be coded as unauthorised and a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued.

### Yr11 Key to Success evening

The Yr11 Key to Success evening will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm. This will take place remotely via ZOOM. A letter inviting Yr11 parents to attend will follow next week. I encourage all Yr11 parents and students to attend, in order to find out about the year ahead for Yr11.

### Yr7 Tutor Consultation

The Yr7 Tutor Consultation evening will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from 4.30 – 8.00pm, please note this is a later date than published in the original diary. An invitation will



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follow, providing instructions on how parents will be able to book an online consultation with their child's tutor over Microsoft TEAMS.

Thank you again for your support and understanding in these matters.

Yours sincerely

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