

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are all well. Welcome back to the start of a new term and new academic year. I am sure you have already had feedback from your son/daughter on their first full week back at school. We hope it has been positive and we hope they have enjoyed seeing their friends, meeting their teachers again and getting back into a routine.

As with every plan, you never know how well it is going to go until it is in place and put into action. We are delighted with the start to term; the pupils have been brilliant. We would like to congratulate you and them for how smart they look, for how well they have followed the new routines, for their positive and focused attitude in lessons, their patience with the changes and for wearing a face covering. All of this has made a significant difference in order to mitigate the risk.

We have noticed, and I am grateful to the pupils for their feedback, that due to the importance of keeping each year group separate at break and lunch time it has reduced the time they get to eat their food, go to the toilet, relax and spend time with their peers. Therefore, from this Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, we have extended all students' lunchtime by another 10 minutes so that they have 30 minutes for lunch from now on until we can revert to our normal operating day before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to keep the year group bubbles separated for their lunch time, students will still go to lunch at the same time but their last 10 minutes will be back in their lesson P4 where they can finish their food and have additional time to relax but safely in their lesson supervised by their teacher. The table below may explain this more clearly:

Year	Lunchtime	Additional Lunchtime in Classrooms
7	12:20-12:40pm	12:40-12:50pm
8	12:40-1:00pm	1:00-1:10pm
9	1:00-1:20pm	1:20-1:30pm
10	1:20-1:40pm	1:40-1:50pm
11	1:40-2:00pm	<b>1:30-1:40pm (10 mins before 1:40pm)</b>

We would also like to remind all students that they can drink bottled water in lessons and they can go to the toilet if they need to. We would only ask that this is avoided as much as possible period 2 and 4 as they will have their break and lunch at this time and we want to keep the pupils separate. There has been a delay in the refurbishment of our boys' toilets due to the difficulty of getting parts. The toilets will be complete in the next two weeks which will bring us back up to full capacity.

I would like to finish by saying how proud and delighted we are with the attitude of your son/daughter at the start to term. It has made all our changes must easier to manage. We hope they are feeling reassured and confident about coming to school. It is great to be back. If you have any questions please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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