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Dear Parents/Carers,

CHANGES AFTER HALF TERM

I am writing to let you know of some significant changes to our school routines and expectations which will be in place after half term. Many of our pupils have never moved around school due to the Covid restrictions and we have not been able to have pupils in their tutor groups, which has meant missing a key link in our pastoral care. As Covid restrictions are slowly being lifted we are making some changes to get our pupils back to some form of 'normal'. Despite these changes we will still have our pupils wearing masks in school until at least 21st June when we expect further guidance. I will set the changes out below.

School day

ALL pupils will start the school day at 8.45 and all will finish at 3pm. Buses have been organised for this to happen. There is no change to morning bus times but both afternoon buses will arrive for 3pm and depart school at 3.10pm. The school day will work as follows.

Form	8.45-9.00
P1	9.00-10.00
P2	10.00-11.00
Break	11.00-11.15
P3	11.15-12.15
P4	12.15-1.45 (same 3-way split lunch)
P5	1.45-2.45
Form	2.45-3.00

There will be different entrances (as there are now) for pupils, as shown below and we ask that all pupils arrive around 8.40am, wait sensibly outside, as they have done so well this year, to enter school on time:

- Y7 – Reception
- Y8 – Covered way (at room 17)
- Y9 – Covered way (at room 17)
- Y10 – Covered Way (car park)

This common start time will enable us to have a morning form tutor period which will include face to face assemblies, pastoral checks and reading. We will also have an end of day tutor period to support all pupils in reflecting on their day, rewarding and supporting them as appropriate. We feel this is an appropriate time to make some changes with regards to form tutors so many pupils will have a change of form tutor. Pupils will be informed of their tutors and rooms when they return after half term.

At break time we will still have designated areas for year groups as set out below with two changes highlighted on the chart below.

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	Food	Inside	Outside
Y7	Stairs	Gym	Tennis courts
Y8	Canteen	Hall	Big yard
Y9	Canteen	Canteen	Big yard
Y10	Covered way	Covered way	Small yard

The biggest change will be pupils moving around school to allow them access to specialist subject rooms, something they have not been able to do this year. Year 7 will have guided tours on the first morning back as they have no knowledge of the building. We will also be trialling a new one-way system around the main building so we will also be informing pupils of this on the first morning back.

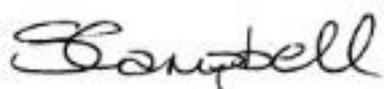
Our changing rooms will be in use again and so pupils should come to school in FULL UNIFORM EVERY DAY. Tracksuit pants and trainers will not be allowed as part of uniform. This will be checked by tutors each morning. PE kit should be brought in the school bag along with books and equipment. Restrictions on year groups sharing toilets have now also relaxed and consequently pupils WILL NOT be able to use the toilet during lessons (unless they have a medical pass which they must have with them) and should visit the toilet at break, lunch and changeover of lessons.

As we finish this week pupils will be bringing home books and equipment for some subjects which should come back to school with them in their school bags after half term. Please support your child in bringing the correct equipment each day. Their timetable will not change, just the room that they are in.

We will not be sanitising hands in every lesson now, just at form time. We expect hands to be washed after visiting the toilets as part of good hygiene practice. If pupils wish to bring their own hand sanitiser that is fine.

I would like to thank and congratulate pupils on adapting to the challenges we have faced. It is good that pupils and staff are now starting to get back to normal and I thank you, our parents, for supporting us through this very challenging time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Campbell
Headteacher