

Dear parents and carers,

### **“Team Sherburn Reunited at Last!”**

What a week! From staggered starts, increased hand-washing, learning zones and a different school day we've had a lot to get used to, but as always, the staff and students have risen to the challenge and it feels good to have Team Sherburn reunited at last!

A special well done goes to Year 7, who despite not having any transition time in school have settled into life at high school brilliantly.

### **Keeping our Team Safe**

All students have now received their inductions which outlined the changes we have made to our Behaviour Policy and our Health and Safety Policy. These policies can be accessed on our [school website](#) and I urge you to take the time to read them, so that you can re-enforce the key messages that students must:

- Stick to their learning zones;
- Wear face masks on the bus;
- Arrive at their designated start times;
- Regularly wash or sanitise their hands;
- Remain socially distanced from staff.

In addition to these policy changes, we have also written a Face Covering Protocol, which can also be accessed via the policy page of our website.

As you are well aware, things change at a rapid pace and these policies and our current organisation of the school day remain under constant review.

### **Keeping Our Community Safe**

I think we have got very used to the idea that keeping ourselves “safe” is connected to preventing the spread of Covid-19, but safety as we know goes deeper than this. It is therefore, with much sadness and dismay that I feel compelled to ask parents/carers to speak to their child about their behaviour in the local community. This is because I have received a complaint today about damage that was done to a local property after school yesterday. The damage is quite considerable and will cost upwards of £200 to rectify. I am of course working with the police on this matter, and know that the vast majority of Team Sherburn fully support me in saying that this behaviour is completely unacceptable.

I thank you in advance for supporting me on this matter, and the other Policy changes we have had to implement.

### **Covid-19 related pupil absence**

As we approach the start of the inevitable cough and cold season, I thought it would be useful to share a Parent Guide to Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence.

Can I also remind Year 7 parents/carers to return their permission slips for Flu immunisation and a plea that any child who has an asthma inhaler is reminded to bring it to school every day!

***And finally***

Our feet may be a little sore, our heads a little weary but my heart feels a whole lot fuller having welcomed our students back! Thank you for your support, have a wonderful weekend and I can't wait to do it all again on Monday (you have no idea how good it feels to finally be able to write that!)

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley