

11 September 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

As the two-week timetable cycle draws to a close, I want to highlight some important issues for your reference. I want to thank you for your support during the first week of the induction phase, which enabled all our children to re-familiarise with school and learn the new procedures as we adapt to our 'New Normal' way of working. There has been a substantial amount of work to develop these health and safety protocols and they will be kept under review and subject to slight changes as we progress through the school year.

#### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR YEAR 12 AND YEAR 14**

In August, our pupils received once again, a record beating set of GCSE and A Level results. The majority of Year 14 pupils secured a place in the University of their choice. I want to convey how immensely proud I am of our young people, especially in the way they conducted themselves, in what was, a very challenging time.

#### **YEAR 8 INTAKE**

The school also met another milestone in September, taking in 117 Year 8 pupils, our largest intake to date. It is wonderful to see the school thrive and grow in this way, and I have very high hopes, that all our pupils will endeavour to live out our motto to, 'Pursue Excellence Together'.

#### **THE SCHOOL CALENDAR 'PROVISIONAL 2020 - 2021'**

A revised version of the school calendar has been updated on the school website, however, please be mindful that to date, we have not received any information on how Parent Teacher Meetings or Open Night are to operate. I will inform you of any changes when I receive information on this matter.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS**

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are not holding any individual parent meetings at the moment. I would ask you to continue to contact the school by telephone, should you need to communicate with us.

#### **BUS TRANSPORT**

Parents and grandparents are required to use the parent carpark, for pick-up and drop off. Please do not drop off, pick-up or park in the bus bays outside the school. In the interest of pupil safety, all pupils are encouraged to wear a face covering while on school transport.

#### **COVID - 19 PROCEDURES - PARENTAL SUPPORT AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

As the school year progresses, there is a likelihood that we may need to contact parents and guardians regarding COVID - 19. I have posted several documents on our school website including Dr Michael McBride (Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland) letter and flowchart. In addition, I have provided you with 'COVID - 19 Frequently asked Questions' on COVID -19 procedure. ([www.sperrincollege.com](http://www.sperrincollege.com)) I would urge all parents to read these documents in order to understand school procedure and the channel of communication required.

#### **GOOGLE CLASSROOM - A TEACHING AND LEARNING TOOL**

The school will continue to use google classroom as part of our normal Teaching and Learning strategy, therefore pupils will be required to use this platform for homework and coursework.

Once again, thank you for your support as we 'Pursue Excellence Together'.

Yours Sincerely

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