

1st April 2021

Dear Parent / Guardians

As we return to face to face teaching on Monday 12th April 2021, I want to convey how we are all very much looking forward to welcoming Year's 8-11 back to school. As teachers, we have been very impressed with the high level of engagement and commitment to study our pupils have made in these difficult circumstances.

I am confident that over the next weeks and months, as everyone returns to school, our educational environment will eventually settle, and brighter days are ahead. In readiness for our return to face to face learning, please discuss with your child the following arrangements which are in line with specific advice from the Department of Health, the Public Health Agency and the Department of Education.

1. **FACE COVERINGS:** All pupils should wear face-coverings in class, line-up, the canteen queue, on school transport or any enclosed space with more than one person or where social distancing is not possible. If your child is medically exempt, you are required to complete the online form before Monday 12th April 2021.
<http://www.sperrincollege.com/medical-exemption-form.html>
2. **HEALTH & SAFETY:** As in Term 1, Year 8 - Year 10 will remain in their teaching room bubbles. Year 11 will move around their various teaching rooms in accordance with the timetable. All previously communicated Health and Safety measures must be strictly followed by all pupils.
3. **COVID-19:** Pupils should not present to school if they, or member of household have symptoms of Covid-19.

PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING: The school have conducted a wellbeing survey which has informed planning for pupil return. In the short-term, teachers will focus and prioritise content and skills needed for the next steps in learning, creating an environment where pupils can gently settle back into face to face learning.

THANK YOU: As an acknowledgement of the hard work conducted in very challenging circumstances during remote learning, all our pupils will be given a small treat on the first day back to school.

SCHOOL MEALS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES: Both services will return as per normal from Monday 12th April 2021.

TERM 3 - IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS:

Parents are advised to take note of the following dates in term three:

12 th April 2021:	Start of Term 3
30 th April 2021:	Staff Development Day (No pupils required in school)
3 rd May 2021:	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
4 th May 2021:	Staff Development Day (No pupils required in school)
27 th May 2021:	Moderation Day for Staff (No pupils required in school)
28 th May 2021:	Moderation Day for Staff (No pupils required in school)
31 st May 2021:	Bank Holiday (School Closed)

**The above information is subject to change.*

Finally, I want to acknowledge the huge amount of parental input and commitment during remote learning. I am fully aware of the impact this has had on many parents; I want to thank you for working with us.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all pupils on Monday 12th April and I want to wish everyone a restful and safe Easter.

Yours Sincerely,

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