

Our Ref: SLT/FSC-2309

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Partial School Closure Arrangements

We thank you for your patience and support during this period. We know that this situation causes anxiety and we are very proud of how our community has responded in order to protect and support each other.

We have been working closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority to make sure our response is appropriate and proportionate to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

Today, the school has undergone a deep clean, ready to welcome students back onto the school site tomorrow. Unfortunately, due to the number of staff who are self-isolating, the normal timetable cannot be implemented and therefore a rota will be used for the next two weeks, after which we anticipate we will be able to have a full teaching complement.

Every class has already been set up on Google Classroom in case a situation like this should arise, so students will be set work when they are not in school. All students have access to these Google Classrooms and staff have been developing resources in the event that a partial school closure happens, so that any impact on your child's progress is minimal.

The rota involves having no more than two year groups in school at any one time, therefore we can provide a broad and balanced curriculum for their time in school. Remote learning for English and Maths will be provided for the days when students will be working from home; all other subjects will be delivered in school. In addition to this, homework for all subjects will continue to be set as per the schedule during this time.

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7,11 & Discover
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8 & 10
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7, 9 & Discover
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8 & 11
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7,10 & Discover
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 8 & 9
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 10 & 11

The evening before your child is due in school, we will communicate by text to inform you of where they are to go when they arrive at school. Your child must know what band they are in, which can be found on their timetable in the class codes. During their first period, they will be given their temporary timetable.

Overall, we have been pleased with the way our students have responded to the additional health and safety strategies we have in place, and have taken responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe. It is important that we maintain this level of vigilance and therefore would like to reiterate:

- Students should all sanitise their hands on entry and exit of the school building before school, after school and during break and lunchtimes. There are sanitising units on the walls at entrances and on tables.
- Students hands are sanitised on entry and exit of every lesson.
- Students are asked to walk on the left in single file on corridors, ensuring they move quickly to their next lesson.
- Students are required to be outside the building for social times after eating. Students will therefore require a coat as the weather changes.

We would be grateful if you, as parents, can also reinforce the above messages to your child(ren). We appreciate the difficulty and frustration which students face maintaining social distance with friends and peers, especially during social times, but all students are reminded to take responsibility to maintain their distance from their peers at all times. This is particularly important when walking to and from school.

One area we have received concerns from parents is regarding school transport. The guidance from the Public Health team in North Lincolnshire is as follows:

*‘Children aged 11 and over should wear a face covering when travelling on either public transport or dedicated school transport to secondary school or college from the start of the autumn term.*

We, therefore, require all parents to reinforce this message and to ensure your child has an appropriate face mask to wear and, if the mask is a reusable one, an appropriate bag for its storage. In the event that you need school to provide a face mask for your child, then there will be masks available at Student Support. At each entrance there will be a bin for disposing of used masks and spare bags for storage.

The guidance on face masks in schools is still that they are not advised, unless the school is in a government intervention area. We are aware of other local authorities who have implemented this as compulsory, but we are following our local public health authority’s directives at this time. We support any student or staff member who wishes to use a mask in communal spaces. We are closely monitoring this situation and will keep you informed.

There is a full break time and lunchtime dining service for students during this period of partial closure. Students are reminded once they’ve finished eating to proceed outside the building to their designated area. Students should ensure they bring a coat to school with them; this does not currently have to be black, as stated in our Uniform Policy.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause to your family and hope you understand that this situation is out of our control. We thank you all for your support at this difficult time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



Mr Briggs  
Head Teacher