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Dear Parent /Carer,

As we come to the end of our first week back at St Wilfrid's, in these challenging circumstances, can I firstly commend your child for the way in which they have engaged fully with our new protocols. I am extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves and supported our whole community in trying to keep each other safe. Additionally, I would like to give particular praise to our new year seven students who have joined our community without experiencing the usual transition between primary and secondary school. You should be extremely proud of the enthusiasm and resilience that the children have shown in their first week with us.

The main reason for writing to you is to firstly update you on our reviewed protocols and also to clarify some key points in this ever-changing environment.

Start and end of the school day

If your child is **not** travelling to school by public transport, can you please ensure they arrive at their allocated time. This is to ensure that all pupils arrive to school in a socially distanced manner.

It is also key that students walk to school maintaining an appropriate distance away from peers, helping to keep themselves and members of the public safe.

PE kit and lockers

Pupils only need to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE, they do not need to bring additional kit with them or wear their blazers, although we would recommend they wear a waterproof jacket as highlighted in the uniform policy.

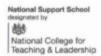
Also, pupils who have left equipment in lockers will be allocated a specific day to collect this after school. This will allow us to clean lockers before and after the pupils have accessed them making the site COVID secure again.

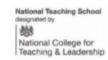
In order for pupils to collect their belongings from their lockers, they should line up in their designated yard at 15.10 and will be directed into school in a socially distanced manner. Any pupils who travel using the scholars' bus and therefore unable to stay behind after school, should inform their tutor who will then arrange to get their belongings to them.

The days will be as follows: Monday Year 8 Tuesday Year 9 Wednesday Year 10 Thursday Year 11 Friday Year 12 and 13.













Guidance for student illness

If any student displays Coronavirus symptoms they MUST stay away from school. The 3 symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- The loss or change of taste and smell

If a child has **any one or more than one of these symptoms**, they will need to stay at home, self-isolate and ring 119 to request a test.

If the test result is negative and the child is well and no longer suffering symptoms they can return to school.

If the result is positive, the child will need to self- isolate for 10 days before they can return to school.

If a student has been in close contact with another person (outside of the household) who has coronavirus symptoms or who has tested positive for Covid they will need to self-isolate for 14 days or until the person receives a negative result.

Guidance for when other household members are ill

If another member of the household has coronavirus symptoms, that person needs to get a test and the whole household including the child will need to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. If the household member tests positive the child will need to continue to self-isolate at home. If the test result is negative and the child is not symptomatic, they can return to school.

<u>Lunchtime provision</u>

Thursday was the first day we had all our student community back in school and we had to ensure our protocols and timings worked effectively so that all students could eat lunch. Hot food was available to all pupils as well as plastic cutlery and disposable packaging to ensure we were Covid secure.

From today there has been additional hot meal options such as pasta and sauces, vegetarian curry and homemade soup. We will continue to add to this hot meal selection throughout the coming weeks. If your child has any specific dietary requirements please let us know via your child's head of house.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate our way through these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M.J.Price

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