



11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Highshore! It's been wonderful to see our pupils return to school since Monday and to have everyone under our roof again. A very warm welcome to parents of new starters in Year 7 and Year 12. We look forward to working with you.

### **Welcome**

To Mark Hashim, who joins us as 11M form tutor. Mark has worked with us previously and it's good to be working with him again. Graeme Collins, Occupational Therapist, has joined us and will be working onsite Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. This is an increase in our OT provision. We also have a number of new agency teaching assistants joining us.

### **Home /School Agreement**

Updated copies of our Home/School Agreement will be coming home for you to sign. Please read carefully and sign both copies returning one copy to Emma Marks in the school office. Thank you for your support.

### **Clubs**

As I explained in my letter at the end of the summer term, we are not able to run clubs at present due to the restrictions of managing COVID. Pupils can be onsite from 8am; we do not have Breakfast Club but have a separate area for each of our three bubbles. We ask for your support in collecting your son/daughter at the end of the day. Mike Barrett, our clubs lead, is reviewing matters regularly but at present, we cannot run any clubs.

### **Website**

Please use our website and check regularly for updates. Copies of all school letters and newsletters are placed on the website.

### **Meetings this half term**

Due to COVID restrictions we will be holding as many meetings as possible via Zoom. We've also also tried to reduce the number of school meetings this half term for everyone's safety.

### **Parent Group**

Our Parent Group, which is a massive support to fellow parents and to the school will also, be holding meetings via Zoom. The group's first meeting takes place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10-30-12-20**. Don Burford, the group's chair is looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. He will send out a zoom meeting code. Please do support this group.

# Highshore School

## **Pupil numbers**

The school roll is now 146, which is a planned reduction from 152. Sixteen Year 7 pupils joined us on Monday and we have two new sixth form pupils.

## **New build**

During the summer building work has taken place in the top two floors of the inner atrium. We should be able to use these rooms from next week. The top floor consists of a training gym, storage and the Sports Coach office. On the first floor, we've added another small meeting room, a senior manager office and a library space. We'll add photos to our newsletters and the website as we start to furnish and use these spaces.

## **COVID**

Many changes are in place due to COVID guidance and restrictions. We now have more break times with smaller numbers outside at each break. We have three lunchtimes instead of two. Thank you for your support of our staggered start and end of day. Please do your best not to come into the school building unless it's absolutely necessary. This is for all of our safety. Due to our not using home/school books at present, your son/daughter's class teacher will be contacting you via email/ phone.

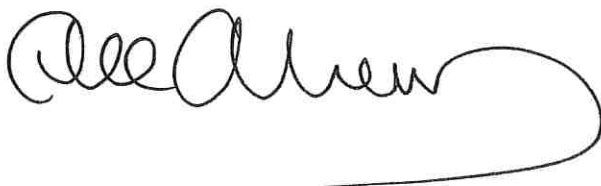
If you have any questions about any new arrangements in place, please speak to Kevin or me. Mike Barrett our medical lead is also happy to speak to you.

Please read the attached sheet carefully so you understand what to do if your son/daughter is unwell.

We worked together very successfully as a school community between March and July. We hope, now that pupils are back onsite that our arrangements will keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Eileen Ollieuz  
Headteacher

What to do if.....	Action Needed	Return to school when...
... my child has COVID symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High temperature</li> <li>• New, continuous cough</li> <li>• Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
.... my child tests positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can take several weeks once the infection is gone.
....somebody in my family has COVID symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Household member to get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
... NHS Test and Trace have identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate apart for a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</b></li> <li>• <b>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</b></li> <li>• Provide information to school with regards absence and return</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>• Contact school as required</li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.

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