

8th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a really positive start to the new term with students getting quickly back into school life and adapting to our new current ways of working. Thank you all for your support in making this transition go so well, keeping your children informed and getting them prepared, and for your continued support and patience as we navigate through this term. I wanted to take this opportunity to further clarify some of the changes we have made and highlight some essential information.

Symptoms and Testing

Please can I remind all parents and carers that it is essential that if a student, or anyone in your household, displays symptoms of Coronavirus they must not come to school. They must stay at home and immediately book a test. The symptoms to be aware of are;

- *A high temperature*
- *A new, continuous cough*
- *The loss or change in sense of taste or smell*

Please ensure you inform us of any absence as normal and we ask that you inform the school of the outcome of the test as soon as possible. If you have any questions around the testing process, or the government guidance, please do get in contact with us.

School Uniform

I have been pleased with the high standards set in terms of uniform at the start of this new term. Every student should be proud to wear the uniform of their school, identifying themselves as a Wren student who takes pride in their appearance and is ready to learn. Students should ensure that they take the same levels of pride when wearing their PE kit and I wanted to remind you all of these expectations.

PE Kit Expectations

PE shirt - Wren School PE shirt.

Shorts/Trousers - Either plain black school-type shorts; plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black leggings are allowed.

Fleece - An optional black Wren School logo fleece or plain black jumper.

Under skins- An optional black long sleeves top.

Footwear - Students are expected to be wearing non-marking trainers. They will also need football boots with moulded (round) studs or plastic screw in studs for the all-weather pitch.

If students do not have the correct kit they should wear **black alternative sportswear**. There should not be no large colourful logos or writing on items of clothing, or coats. Such items do not form part of the PE kit. Please remember that if your child is unable to do active PE for any reason they will still be expected to be in their PE kit so that they are able to contribute to the class. Students will need a note stating the reason they are unable to actively participate which is signed and dated by a parent/carer.

Please may we remind you that, as stated in our uniform policy, hoodies and hooded tops should not be worn at any time on school site. We have and will continue to remind students of this but from **Monday 21st September** any student wearing a hoodie will have the item confiscated and returned to a parent/carer. Students should ensure that when they are in the classroom they wear their Wren school jumper or Wren PE fleece.

Lockers

COVID-19 restrictions have delayed our distribution of lockers to students but we have started a phased release of the keys, whilst ensuring we can keep the locker area safe and available to all bubbles. From Tuesday 8th September, locker keys will be distributed to Year 7 and 10 students, with further years to follow.

New phone number from Wednesday 9th September 2020

Following an upgrade of our internet connection over the summer, we are also upgrading our phone system and as a result we will have a new telephone number. The new number is: **0118 214 3888**.

Our old number (0118 959 1868) will still work for a few weeks whilst we manage this change over. You will, however, notice that calls from The Wren School will show as the new number (0118 214 3888) from Wednesday. Please amend your contact details for the school to show the new number as soon as possible.

Reminder to return school laptops

Can I please remind parents that all school laptops which were issued in the summer be returned to school ASAP along with the charger. We have now received some laptops from the Government which will be allocated out to priority students, however we need our own laptops back to enable us to use these in class. We thank you for your support in this. There are still over 30 laptops to be returned. The government supplied laptops will be issued over the coming weeks as they arrive.

Open Evening – Wednesday 16th September 2020

Finally, I wanted to highlight a change to our school calendar which will affect all students next week. On **Wednesday 16th September**, we are hosting our annual Open Evening event. In order to be able to run this event, ensuring we follow all COVID-19 guidelines, we will need to finish the school day earlier than normal. This will allow for cleaning to take place and for staff to ensure they themselves are able to operate safely. Therefore, students will finish at the following times;

Years 7 and 10 – Dismissal at 12:45pm

Years 8 and 12 – Dismissal at 12:40pm

Years 9 and 11 – Dismissal at 12:50pm

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding. Together, We Are The Wren.

Kind regards,



Mr J Salberg
Principal