

4th September 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome you back to the new academic year at Wolverley CE Secondary School

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the support you gave the school during the previous term when things were so difficult and uncertain. I am delighted that school is now fully open and that attendance rates have been so high. The changes we have made to the school site and to school procedures in order to ensure the safest possible return for students have been very successful. The students have been fantastic. I am incredibly proud of their mature and respectful attitude to the new regime. It is great to see students again and to start to get to know our new Year 7.

I am also delighted with the performance of our students in their GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels. Their grades reflect all their dedication and hard work and have allowed them to move onto the next stages of education and training.

This year presents us with some additional challenges, so we will have a keen focus on the following areas:

- Re-establishing our routines and expectations
- Ensuring that all students attend school
- Further developing our home learning curriculum to support students who may have to self-isolate or if we find ourselves in a local lockdown
- Supporting students who are identified as requiring additional support using the government 'catch up' fund allocation to schools

Although school attendance is mandatory from the start of the autumn term, there are some circumstances where students cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19). If a student experiences symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) then they are required to self-isolate and get a test. If a student tests negative and if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and return to school. If a student tests positive, they are to self-isolate for 10 days. If someone in the student's household has symptoms, the household should self-isolate and the members of their household should get a test. If the member of the household tests negative, the student can stop self-isolating and can return to school. If the household member tests positive, the student should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days from when the member of their household first had symptoms.

The symptoms of the coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (a fever)
- a new continuous cough, this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please may I politely remind you of the need to reduce visitors to the school to an absolute minimum. All visits should be by prior appointment only. If your son/daughter has forgotten something then please do not be tempted to bring it to school. Please contact us and we will ensure we resolve the problem.

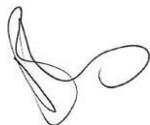
The traffic in the village and parking has always been a challenge for us as a school but with increased numbers of students and more buses, we are seeing more traffic than ever. Please could you support us and our local community by adhering to the following whenever possible:

- No dropping off or collecting from the bus bay area
- Avoid driving through Wolverley old village
- Encourage your son or daughter to walk or cycle to school
- Try to find a safe place to drop son or daughter which does not impact on local residents or businesses

With so much traffic around, I would appreciate you reinforcing the need to walk and cycle sensibly and with respect for other road users and pedestrians.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



Bryn Thomas
Headteacher