

MANOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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Dear parents

I hope this email finds you safe and well and that you have all enjoyed the summer break.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week and this email is to let you know in more detail about our plans. We have created a health and safety booklet which is attached to this email which explains everything in detail. I also attach a copy of a document called Lunch Break which sets out what happens at break time and at lunch times. It is important that all students and parents read these documents carefully before attending school next week.

The key points are:

1. You must not attend school if you have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you have a new continuous cough, a fever or a loss of taste and smell you should book for a test and not come into school until you know for sure you are negative.
2. Washing your hands regularly continues to be extremely important. The virus is easily destroyed with soap and effective hand sanitiser and by washing your hands regularly you are reducing the chances of you picking up the virus and spreading it to others. All students will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival and before they enter a new classroom. We are encouraging students to carry their own hand sanitiser to use when they want and to wash their hands regularly using hand basins.
3. Wearing a face mask when moving around the building and in crowded areas indoors is strongly encouraged as this prevents the spread of germs. Face masks are not encouraged for use in classrooms so that the best possible learning environment can be created. We know some parents have strong views on both sides of this point. Where parents want their child to wear a face mask at all times we will support them, but we expect this to be the exception. We recommend all students wear a face covering when moving around the school and in large gatherings.

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There are lots of other important messages in our booklet around year group bubbles, new entrances for different years, what happens if someone displays symptoms whilst in school etc. Please read the information carefully.

I am very confident that we will be able to operate our school safely if we follow the controls that we have set out. At a recent meeting of York headteachers we were told by the Director of Public Health for York that levels of the virus in the city are very low. This is great news and we need to keep it that way. It is very important that our students come back to school to enable them to continue their education, we are really looking forward to welcoming them all back again.

Best regards

Simon Barber

