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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 7's first day and arrangements for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

I hope your child has had a great first day at Ellis Guilford. During the day, they spent time with their tutor, had a tour of the school, as well as an assembly led by myself. I was highly impressed with the year group, who were polite and well-mannered throughout the day, and well behaved in the classroom.

We took the time to make sure they understood the importance of being safe, including when to wear face masks. These will be worn whilst lining up indoors, during any indoor gathering, for example, an assembly. We also explained that there was no need to wear masks during lessons.

Can I take the opportunity of thanking parents and carers for making sure the school uniform was worn. Students looked excellent and we took the opportunity to praise them. Thanks also for supporting the plain masks.

Where there were missing uniform items or children were without a mask, could I ask parents/carers to ensure these are provided to your child as soon as possible.

### **PE Uniform and arrangements for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**ALL Y7 STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE TO SCHOOL IN THEIR FULL NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM TOMORROW.** Their PE lesson will be a theory lesson and therefore no PE KIT will be required. Pupils may have misinterpreted the message from form tutors this afternoon. During their PE lesson we will also distribute any new PE KIT which has arrived in school and provide pupils with a letter to bring home if PE uniform hasn't already been ordered.

Apologies if you have been told you differently.

### **School bags and equipment**

I am delighted that we have been able to provide a free gift of a school bag and equipment for learning to all pupils today.

Pupils, of course, may use the school bag and equipment you have provided them. The new bag and equipment can be used later in the year.



Alternatively, they may choose to use their new bag and equipment straightaway. It's a 'welcome to school present' and I know will come in useful, whether now or later on.

### **Collecting and dropping off your child**

Safeguarding of students is our number one priority. That is why we ensure staff are on duty, especially by the gates in the morning and after school.

The rear entrance has been re-opened to maintain children's 'bubbles.'

Today, we were all aware of the build-up of traffic by the gates. If you drop off and collect your child by car, we would be grateful if you could do so at a place away from the school gates, to avoid congestion whilst being courteous to our neighbours who live very close by.

### **Lunch and break**

As a reminder, if you have yet to put credit onto your child's account, could you do so. A number of children were without prepaid money. They, of course, had their lunch. The amount will be deducted once money has been received.

### **Free breakfasts at Ellis Guilford**

I am delighted to announce that for the next week we will be trialling FREE BREAKFASTS FOR ALL, toast and a small pot of fruit. We know that children learn better when they are fed. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this. From tomorrow, it will be served upon their arrival to school.

I do want to end by paying credit to your child and your support over recent weeks and months during this pandemic. They were ready to return, and we look forward to them being part of our school for the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Keen  
Principal