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4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Return to School: September 2020

We have now finally got the Government's new guidance on regulations that we all have to follow when in school, to continue to reduce the risk of Covid-19. We are very lucky in this area that the number of positive cases continues to be low. However, as a parent myself, I know this is still a worrying time for all of us, especially for the students who have not been in school for 6 months. I can assure you we will do our very best to ensure they settle in as quickly as possible and feel happy in their surroundings and the new procedures we have had to put in place. Our priority is to have happy and healthy young people, ready to learn and able to progress. What I cannot give you is a guarantee that we will never have a case of Covid-19, but I can assure you we have done everything possible to try to reduce the possibility of it entering the school and spreading across bubbles.

Following the change in the Government regulations over the summer holidays, we are now able to change the arrangements for PE that we sent out before the summer holidays. I am really pleased to state that students will now undertake practical PE sessions, which will require them to change into their full PE kit. We will also be adding a new element to our PE curriculum, especially for Year 7 and 8 students, which focuses on healthy living and positive resilience, which will take place once a fortnight, and will be taught in a classroom in the first instance. Students in **Year 7** will **not** need their PE kit on Monday 7th September and we would ask that students do not leave their PE kits in school, but they take them home and they are washed as often as possible, please.

Attached to this letter is a Parent Handbook, which you will also find on our website. We hope you will find this useful, as it contains information about procedures and policies we would usually follow and ask all our parents/guardians to familiarise themselves with. It also includes details of key staff and their roles and responsibilities.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school using parentcontact@sandysecondarieschool.com

We look forward to welcoming all our students back over the coming week and thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal