



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Today was a fantastic day for our school community as we welcomed all of our students and staff back through the gates. Official attendance figures for the school were 99.2% which is unbelievable. This is a testament to the work that has gone into preparing the school for its re-opening, but more importantly reflects the positive attitude of both the students and you as parents/carers to get students back and re-engaged with their studies. Thank you all for your support.

All of our students were impeccably behaved and followed the safety protocols respectfully. Please pass on my congratulations for this and also reiterate the need for this to be the case for the foreseeable future.

There are a couple of things I would like to ask for your further support with and would appreciate it if you could discuss these with your children:

- Reading books – it is imperative that students have a reading book in their bags. There is some time where students are waiting for teachers to move between rooms and being calm, settled and reading is our approach to ensuring this time is productive and purposeful.
- Arriving at the correct time for their year group bubble. It is imperative that we do not admit students onto the school site outside of their bubble entry time. Today a lot of students had to be held in various separate locations in poor weather whilst students' entry to site was staggered. Where possible, students should plan their journey to school to arrive as close to their bubble start time as possible.
- Jewellery – the standard around jewellery is no different to what it always has been. If students arrive with excess jewellery (other than one pair of stud earrings), they will be asked to remove it. To save unnecessary wasted time it would be helpful if students didn't arrive with items they clearly know they are not allowed to have.
- Collection of children from site – we cannot permit parents onto the school site to collect children. If collecting by foot, we ask that you wait on the pavement on Kirkley Drive to do this. Due to congestion, if collecting by car then the ideal would be to arrange a pick up point close to the industrial estate, but if collecting from Kirkley Drive it is imperative that you are respectful of the volume of children needing to cross the road and are mindful of blocking kerbs.

I will endeavour to remain in contact over the coming days with further updates on the successful reintegration of your children back into school. If you have any questions about anything in this e-mail or in general please get in touch with your child's Tutor or Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely

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