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Dear Parents/Carers

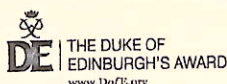
It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back in to our school community and hear the buzz of students about the building again. As I expected of our students, they have settled in well to the 'new norm' of working in their bubbles and have taken this all in their stride. I am really very proud of them.

I am grateful to you all for returning your replies to our student and parent Covid Charters, though it is the concern of myself and worried parents that some students are not wearing their masks on the school buses. We have a member of staff on the bus every evening ensuring that students have their masks on as they enter the bus, but it is out of our control to monitor this during the journey. Please remind your son/daughter to keep their mask on whilst on the bus, as this precaution is in everyone's best interests. A small plastic bag should then be used to store masks during the day.

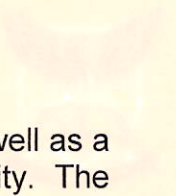
We have noticed an increase in the number of cars outside school at the start and end of the school day this week. I was disappointed to receive a very strong complaint from residents in one of the neighbouring streets opposite our school regarding the inconsiderate parking by parents/carers around the school. I consider this to be a danger to our students and pedestrians as well as a nuisance to the residents, due to illegal parking. It was also upsetting to hear that parents had been confrontational with the residents. I will be requesting police assistance with traffic outside school and will be consulting local councillors about this issue. I would like to urge you to be courteous to our neighbours, who are part of our school community too and would appeal to parents to consider where they park and possibly do so further away from the school to prevent any accidents or unnecessary upset. As ever, the safety of our young people is paramount and I hope I can rely on parents/carers to oblige.

To date, our bubbles have worked very effectively and it has been a pleasure to see the engagement of students in all lessons. The day starts promptly at 8.30 am, with an extended form time, leading into our five daily lessons. The Tunstall Street gate will close at 8.25 am, therefore please be mindful of ensuring that your child arrives in time to make their way to the appropriate entrance.

I am very proud of our outgoing Year 11 and Year 13 students, who collected some extremely impressive examination results during the summer. I wish them all well in the future as they embark upon their next steps. When we are able to, we will welcome them back to school for our Prize Evening.



Year 5 Parents' Evening 2014



During the first week of term I have distributed pupil calendars to the students, as well as a prayer card. This was to welcome everyone back as a valued part of our community. The prayer was written by Rev Mike Griffin, our school Chaplain. Our core values remind us of the way in which we should conduct ourselves in school.

Thank you for your support before and throughout the summer holiday, as well as during these first critical days back in our school. We are delighted to welcome the boys and girls back into school and look forward to helping them to be the best they possibly can, academically, socially and spiritually.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Madeloso
Headteacher

