

17 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you and your families well.

In light of the very recent government announcement of local lockdown measures in areas of the North East region please be assured that we continue to mitigate against the infection with validated risk assessments and measures are in place to minimise risk according to government guidelines.

I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership and faithfulness throughout the first few weeks of the new academic year. The Autumn term is always one of great intensity and I am deeply thankful to staff and students alike for their dedication and commitment to all we stand for, especially in light of the restrictions we all face in our daily life.

In view of the Governments 'Rule of 6' as from 14 September 2020, where no more than six people are allowed to gather together we have asked students not to walk to and from school in groups of more than six. I would be grateful if you could reinforce this message to your children.

As so many of our young people are travelling to school by school coach and public service buses it is essential that we continue to remind students of the importance of wearing face masks.

Our students have had another very positive and successful week and it is wonderful to see the classrooms full of purposeful learning and our student's enthusiasm for their studies. I am immensely proud of the way in which our students have settled back into the new daily routine of school life and fresh challenges they have had to face.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

With all good wishes,



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