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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and that you and your families are healthy and happy. I would like to thank you for your support this term so far. Below is an update and some important next steps that we will be implementing from the 30th November.

What has happened so far?

- It has been a very different term this academic year, where we have welcomed all students back to school and learning within our bubbles and our bubble zones. Staff have given a great deal of consideration to how and what we teach our students during a global pandemic. I am delighted to inform you that our students, your children, have responded exceptionally well and we have seen an increase of over 35% of students achieving the highest scores for their positive attitudes towards learning.
- Like many other schools we have needed to ask students to self-isolate and work from home on occasion. This is an unfortunate necessity in these unprecedented times, and I am very proud of how well our students and staff have adapted to new ways of working. We have invested in an update for the school network and the broadband systems, and we have been able to support some families with access to electronic equipment. All students now have access to live lessons and can utilise the facilities within Microsoft Teams to continue with blended learning opportunities. Learning must not stop for anything. Attendance to live lessons is tracked in the exact same way as attendance in school normally.
- We have also introduced a reading lesson each day for our Year 7,8,9 and 10 students and an additional intervention lesson for Year 11,12 and 13. This lesson allows us to support the development of reading and literacy skills across the school.
- Continuing to improve is still very important to us at CSSA, therefore quality assurance processes have continued, to ensure that the education your children are receiving is effective. We have also hosted a remote OFSTED visit on the 4th November 2020. This visit allowed us to share the learning and experiences our students have been engaging with at Childwall Sports and Science Academy since September 2020. Please follow this link to read the letter we have received about the findings from the visit the News section of our website: <http://www.childwallssa.org/news>
- Enrichment opportunities are continuing to be supported by many subject areas within our school, all be it in a different format. Children are encouraged to get involved in our weekly 'Bake off.' Our Bright Ideas Challenge, Advanced Maths preparation courses and some of our Year 8 students have been engaging with the 'Youth Climate Summit' drop-in sessions. Watch out for other initiatives online.
- We have made it mandatory for all students and staff to wear masks on corridors and we strongly recommend that masks are worn in any shared indoor space, such as classrooms. *All students must have a mask in school, unless they are medically exempt.
- Lunch orders have moved to a much more efficient electronic system that is reported directly to our catering staff. *This must be completed before the start of the school week please, Sunday evening at the very latest.



What's next?

As you know, we are still facing some significant challenges in education. Not least, the challenge to keep students in school learning and making good progress, whilst reducing/limiting any opportunity for Coronavirus to spread. Below are some further changes we feel necessary in order to function as safely as possible in school. All these changes will be made from **Monday 30th November 2020**.

1. **Students in Year 7 will be taught every lesson in their form group.** Their form will be their bubble when determining who will self-isolate, should a student become infected. *This additional restriction will also limit movement on corridors between lessons. Students will be taught in the same room for Period 1 and 2, Period 3 and 4 and for Reading and Period 5.
2. **Students in Year 8 and Year 9 will be taught for all lessons in one group.** This group will be aligned to their current Maths and Science group. All subjects will teach this group. This group will be their form, it will act as their bubble when determining who will self-isolate, should a student become infected. *This additional restriction will also limit movement on corridors between lessons. Students will be taught in the same room for Period 1 and 2, Period 3 and 4 and for Reading and Period 5.
3. **Year 7, 8 and 9 students must wear their PE kit to school** under their blazer, on the day that they have PE on their timetable. It will not be possible to change in the changing rooms.
4. Year 10 and 11 will be reviewed carefully when an individual positive case is reported to senior leaders. Leaders will determine who should self-isolate based on the tracking of student movement at this time.
5. Year 12 and Year 13 will continue as above.
6. In order to allow for students to get buses home at different times, we are reducing lunch time by 8 minutes and **finishing school 8 minutes earlier**. It is important to stagger the children leaving school and getting buses, as an additional way to avoid all travelling at the same time.

Year 7,8 and 10	Finish school at 2.57pm	Buses should be available at 3.00pm and 3.05pm
Year 9 and Year 11	Finish school at 3.12pm	Buses should be available at 3.15pm

It is unfortunate that further changes are necessary during this pandemic. However, it is a fact that we must continue to make temporary adjustments to ensure that students, staff and Childwall families are facing minimum risk daily and that we are abler to provide strong educational opportunity.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding in these matters.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher

