



Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing with a brief update following our first full school days of the year. Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude and admiration for the way your sons and daughters have conducted themselves on their return to school. Pupils of all ages have been immaculately behaved, considerate and supportive of the school's new arrangements. Attendance has also been exceptional, over 97% over the first two days.

We have been satisfied with most of our arrangements. Arrival and departure have worked as well as is possible given the constraints of the buses. We are thankful for parents' support in helping get their children to school on time. The split break and lunch arrangements are also working very well, with each year group having their own canteen area and space. We need to speed up the service in a couple of areas and will endeavour to do this.

The year group bubbles have been maintained in school and work particularly effectively at Key Stage 3. Greater movement takes place at Key Stage 4 and 5 as is required by the curriculum, but pupils have managed this well and we have adapted our practices slightly from Thursday to Friday to ensure staff are able to distance in corridors in the Key Stage 4 and 5 areas.

We are still very early in our new arrangements. We will continually review the effectiveness of what we are undertaking, both educationally and in terms of pupil and staff safety, and will let you know if there are any adaptations. The only area I would initially ask for support from parents is that despite several requests there are quite a few students who have not brought in their own hand sanitizer as requested. This can make practical work more difficult and so I would ask for parents help in providing their child with their own small bottle of hand sanitizer.

Yours sincerely

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