



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JCB/JDN

4 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The start of term is very nearly upon us and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school. Thank you to those of who used the contact us facility on the website to ask us questions following the letter we sent earlier in the week. I hope that the following points will help answer some of your queries.

### **Hygiene and Face coverings**

Please ensure your child has an appropriate face covering which can be a cloth mask or a disposable paper mask. The cloth mask should be plain, and not patterned. Please also supply a zip lock style bag with the student's name on so that the face coverings can be removed and stored safely when in lessons.

We have installed hand sanitisers throughout the school. Please encourage your son or daughter to make use of these and to follow the instructions given. Students are welcome to bring in their own supplies for their own personal use.

### **Access to the school site**

In order for us to preserve the year group 'bubbles', we are limiting access to the school site from 8.30 am. We appreciate this may cause issues for some parents and students whose arrangements are different. We will review these timings as soon as we can so that we can allow students on site earlier. Please bear with us for the first week so we can see how our systems are working. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they are confirmed.

### **ParentPay and school meals**

You will note from other communications that the method of payment to school is now by ParentPay. Due to covid-19 arrangements we will not be accepting payments by cash/cheques. You should have already received, or receive shortly, details of your ParentPay login details. All requests for payment will be actioned through ParentPay in future so please watch out for any notifications, this will include payments for such things as purchases from school, music lessons, and trips. If you haven't already done so please can you activate your account and ensure your child has credit on their school meals account ready for next week. As a reminder there is a minimum payment of £12.50, each time you make a payment through

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ParentPay for school meals, this minimum does not apply for other payments. You can set reminders where balances become low and we would advise you to do this.

### Contact details

Your contact details may have changed recently. We have a convenient way for you to keep the school up to date with any changes to you and / or your child's details. You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC. If you have not yet received an invite code, please email [ParentLite@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:ParentLite@heckgrammar.co.uk) with your child's name in the subject line.

### Getting started with SIMS Parent

1. On your device create and register your account at <https://id.sims.co.uk/registration/home/soscode>
  - a. Select the login method you want to sign up with (e.g. Microsoft, Google).
  - b. Enter your unique invite code (provided on the email you have received) and your child's date of birth.
2. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store by searching for SIMS Parent.
3. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)

Once again, we are very grateful to you for your continued support and we look forward to a successful start to the new school year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jeremy Barnett

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