



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JCB/JDN

26 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that after a long period of disruption at HGS, we are starting to return to some of our established routines. We have assessed the risks, taking into account Government and Public Health guidance, and are putting the following measures in place, with effect from Monday 7 June.

1. We will be operating one lunchtime break from 12.20 until 1.15. Students will have access to dining room facilities and will be admitted on a year group basis. Students wishing to bring their own lunch will be able to eat outside or in the dining room. We will still be operating a split break time and your child will have been told when their year group will be on break.
2. Students in Years 9 and 10 will also have access to the MUGA at lunchtime. These year groups will be given priority entrance to the dining rooms and then be able to go to the MUGA. It is expected that whilst outdoors all students will remain in their allocated area. Those students not wishing to play ball sports can assemble in year group specific seating areas at the MUGA. Year 10 students will also have exclusive access to the Senior Common Room at lunch time.
3. Extra-curricular and House activities at lunchtime will be resuming for students in the same year groups. Please encourage your child to take part as these do contribute to a balanced and healthy lifestyle as well as contributing points to their allocated House. Students wishing to take part in lunchtime and House activities are advised to buy their lunch at break.
4. Students will be expected to attend school in full uniform. We will be reopening the PE changing rooms so that students can change for PE. There will, therefore, be no need for students to go to school in their PE kit. Additional safety measures will be in place to protect students' health and to make contact tracing more effective if we have a positive case. Uniform and PE kit expectations are in the student planner and on our website and we expect every student to follow these and come to school dressed appropriately.

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5. We will continue to wear face coverings in school. Currently, the local authority is continuing to recommend that schools in Kirklees maintain the wearing of face coverings until infection rates are at a level at which is deemed safe to remove them. We will update you as soon as the guidance changes.

### **The Big Ask**

The Big Ask is a national survey run by the Children's Commissioner to find out what children think about their future. We are sending the link to students and will be asking them to participate in the survey. I would be grateful if you could check if your son and daughter has done so. There is also an opportunity for you to give your views. Please follow the link [here](#) and click on 'adults' at the foot of the first page if you wish to add your views.

Please note that the deadline for completing the survey is 28 May 2021.

### **Relationships and Sex Education**

Relationships and Sex Education is now statutory in all secondary schools and we deliver this through our Personal Development (PHSE) provision. We are obliged to consult with you on our policy, and I would ask you to read through it. Please click [here](#) to access the policy. If you have any comments, please email [admin@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:admin@heckgrammar.co.uk).

### **Covid testing over half-term**

Please continue to support your child with Covid testing over half-term in readiness for their return to school on 7 June.

Finally, I cannot thank you enough for the support you have shown to the school this year. It has been a very challenging time for us all and our students deserve congratulating for the mature way they have approached all of the Covid related issues we have been faced with. It is with heartfelt thanks that I wish you a good break over half-term. I look forward to seeing our students again on Monday 7 June when the changes I have outlined above will be signalling the first tentative steps on the return to relative normality.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jeremy Barnett  
Assistant Headteacher