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Dear Parent/Carer

After many weeks of planning, I am delighted that we have completed our first week back with all of our students since the pandemic first started back in March. I know how much anxiety there has been around the full reopening of schools and I would like to thank you for the support you have shown by sending the students back, the attendance this week has been exceptional, a trend that I hope continues throughout the year.

I would just like to keep you informed of my thoughts around this first week.

### **Uniform**

The support you have provided in ensuring students are in full uniform has been exceptional. Although there was a slight delay in getting the new jumpers, I hope that you are as pleased as we are with the quality and smartness of them. We do have a limited amount of stock so please contact us should you wish to purchase one. The price of these are as follows, £14.50 up to size 38" chest, and £16.50 for size 40" chest and bigger. At present, there is lead time for them to be delivered of about 3 weeks. This said, we do have a limited amount of stock in school, so please contact us and we will support where possible.

### **Mobile Phones**

It is really pleasing the way the students have fully taken this new rule on board. Students who wish to carry a mobile phone to and from school have been willingly handing them in and this has meant there has been zero incidents of disruption to learning due to mobile phones.

### **Behaviour, Learning**

The quality of student behaviour, and their attitude to learning again has been of a really high standard. Students do have a lot of work to catch up on but I will send more detailed information out to you about this at a later date. All I can say is that if the behaviour and work rate continues as it has started, this catch up will be a much easier process than first anticipated.

### **Masks**

You will have seen in the media that the official advice from the government around the use of masks in schools has changed. For the vast majority of time that students are in school, there will not be a need for them to wear a mask or face covering. This said, there will be occasions where this is required. For this reason, please can you ensure that students bring in a mask or suitable face covering on a daily basis as from next week (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September).

Thanks again for your support

Yours Faithfully

James Newman  
Principal

