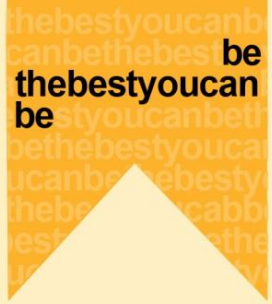




Whitley Academy

Principal: Mrs Kathryn Wright

Acting Principal: Miss S. Bloom



SBL/SBA

28th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It is fantastic to have all our students back in school, and learning.

We have had a great start to the new term and students and staff have adapted well to our new zones and routines. The day is certainly more complex, but everyone is adjusting well. I have been particularly impressed with the appearance of the vast majority of students; wearing their full school uniform, including tie, blazer and black school shoes.

I am delighted to say that the students are focussed and working hard. Our Year 10 and 11 after school intervention lessons have been very well attended, and it is fantastic that so many students are motivated to make the most of all learning opportunities. Can I ask you to continue to support your child in their studies and to contact us if you have any concerns about their learning.

As previously advised, students' phones and earphones should be switched off, and kept out of sight whilst on school site, including at break time and lunchtime. Again, the vast majority of students have responded well to this new rule and it is great to see students talking to each other at social times. If a student is seen with a phone/earphones they will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the school day. If students do bring their phones/earphones into school, it is at their own risk, the school will not take any responsibility.

I know I have recently sent a further reminder about the importance of students wearing a face covering whilst in indoor communal areas around the school, however, there is still a small minority of students who are arriving at school without a mask. It is critically important that we all keep ourselves and others safe whilst in school, and indeed in the community. Can I therefore reiterate that it is compulsory for everyone to wear a face covering whilst in indoor communal areas, unless they have a reason for exemption. Please could you once again share this message with your child. We all need to sustain our efforts and adapt as the national and local Coronavirus situation changes.

I have included a link to a letter from Public Health England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, and answer some of the questions parents and carers may have around testing.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss S. Bloom
Acting Principal