



Haydock High School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your support as we prepare to re-open Haydock High School to our students on Monday, 7th September. There have been a few questions regarding the re-opening and I have responded to most parents individually.

Frequently Asked Questions:

PE Kit – for the **first two weeks** there will be **no PE practical lessons**. Students will not need to bring their PE kits with them during this time.

After 21st September, we may start to re-introduce PE practical lessons. This will be phased in and will be subject to guidance from the Local Education Authority and the Department for Education.

In preparing for practical lessons to resume, we plan for students who have PE on their timetable to wear their PE kits to school for the whole day. This reduces the risks of social distancing in changing rooms and makes the routines for our students more manageable with clothing decisions. We will be in contact to confirm when we are reintroducing practical PE lessons. When this does happen, students must wear the official PE kit as shown on the school website.

Face Masks - there has been some debate and discussion regarding the wearing of face masks in educational settings. For clarification, **students and staff may wear face masks if they wish to**. These masks would preferably be plain, navy blue or black – the mask should just cover the face. Scarves should not be used in place of masks. We will review the use of face masks as the local and national picture changes.

We are very aware that the experiences of our students will differ largely and that there are some major changes to the structure of the school day that will need some time to embed. We are continually reviewing all our policies and procedures, making adaptations as we move forward to best support our students. The safety of all of our community is our highest priority, please do keep in touch with your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year and let us know if your child needs more support.

Please do check the information sent about the school day for your child and please do make sure that students arrive at the correct gate as close to the correct time as possible. I have attached the information again for your convenience.

Year 11 will finish school at 3pm for the first week. We will discuss this with parents at the Success Evening on Thursday, 10th September. Details to be sent separately.

It has been great meeting all of the new Year 7 students this morning and we look forward to the rest of school returning on Monday so that we can resume their educational journey.

Thanks for your support at this time.

Kind regards,

Mr. Abram
Head of School