

22 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

March 2021 Useful reminders

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We have been extremely pleased to have the students back and impressed with their performance overall.

Please find below some useful reminders and information as a simple update to school happenings.

Safeguarding: Parking and walkway outside the School

The area outside our school has a small pavement with many students arriving and exiting. We would like to thank our parents and carers for adhering to our request to not congregate outside the school gates but drop their child off at a reasonable distance for them to walk into the school by themselves. A few parents have recently began to park on the zig zag and non-parking zones outside the school and then cause some congestion with u-turns. We ask that parents please use the residential roads a few yards from the school to park without restriction.

Safeguarding: Student collection for appointments

Please note that we want to ensure the safety of our school community. I would like to remind you that any student who needs to attend an out-of-school appointment will need to be collected by a parent / carer. We are reiterating this request. Please note that students in Years 7 – 11 **will not** be permitted to leave the school for any reason without being collected by a parent / carer (or other authorised adult).

Attendance

Attendance recording and reporting procedures are in place. If your child needs to be away from school, it is important that you contact the school as soon as possible giving clear explanations. Please email attendance@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk. If any student arrives late they must sign in at reception.

Visitors to the site

In order to meet the government guidance, we are limiting visitors on site and all parental meetings are currently being held by telephone or online. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day ahead before they leave home as it will not be possible to drop things off at school.

Uniform

We are a uniformed school and we want to continue to see our students wearing their uniform with pride. We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring every student is appropriately dressed in full school uniform. This has been noted. The students have looked very smart and wear their uniform with pride. It is extremely important that every student continues to arrive with the equipment they need to be successful learners. There are only a handful of students who are letting us down by not wearing adequate PE uniform and due to the successful take up of the uniform it is very visible. Please remember that every student must wear the Rooks Heath PE uniform. Students who do not have the appropriate Rooks Heath uniform will be

subject to our behaviour policy sanction. If there are specific reasons for non-uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year. In only the most exceptional circumstances will we accept a reason from parents or carers who must call the school.

Health advice

It is very reassuring for us to know that COVID-19 cases in Harrow are at an extremely low level and the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from COVID-19. Students continue to hand sanitise on entry and must remember to wash hands regularly or use the hand sanitising stations.

Face masks

Students have accommodated the wearing of face masks well and demonstrate the importance of this measure being in place.

Behaviour

Our students have shown exceptional attitudes and behaviours on their return to school and we are very proud of them. The Behaviour for Learning policy and expectations of excellent attendance, punctuality and attitudes to learning remain.

Travel to and from school

Your children have returned safely and well and the majority show exemplary community spirit. Our reputation is built upon the attitudes, behaviours and appearance of all the students as they travel to and from school. Please remind your children to continue to exhibit their best social behaviours as they travel to and from school and to keep the area outside the school clear as they leave the premises. Students should not wait around at bus stops but take the first bus to their destination or make their way directly home.

Mobile phones

We do not allow the use of personal mobile phones, headphones or personal digital devices on the premises at any time during the school day. These items will be confiscated if seen.

Communication

Please remember that we now use the SIMS Parent App and emails for our parent communication. If you have queries, please contact Ms Haines via the contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk email. Letters will continue to be posted in our [Letters](#) section of our website. Please ensure we have your current working email address.

Yours sincerely



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