

# Wellington School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you would agree that thanks to the enormous effort and good-will of the whole Wellington community, we have coped remarkably well with the challenges of Covid-19 so far this term (helped further of late by the second lockdown). Ten cases among the student body, just three colleagues and comparatively few students and staff having to self-isolate in the twelve weeks of term to date is testament to this collective desire to keep our young people in School.

In light of this, I am writing out of courtesy to inform you that we have decided to make an amendment to our routines with effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers will return to their own permanent teaching bases and students will now move to them for lessons. It should be noted that this is not a significant change for most students as Years 10-13 already move from classroom to classroom for their lessons as do all students for lessons in 'specialist rooms' (DT, Art, PE, Music, Drama and Computer Science).

I must stress, by way of reassurance to parents, that this will not compromise the proven effectiveness of our 'control measures' as, of course, the following will remain in place:

- Outdoor year group zones on arrival in the morning
- Year group zones for tutor time
- Double lessons thus minimising movement
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes with outdoor 'zones'
- Face coverings worn in all communal areas i.e. corridors and the Dining Hall
- Corridors are all well-ventilated
- We have a one-way flow system in place in all buildings
- All rooms will be cleaned at change-over
- Hand Sanitiser Dispensers in all rooms

This may seem a slight adjustment but we believe it will have a very positive impact on lesson delivery (the Science department will, I'm sure, be particularly delighted with the prospect of a return to 'practicals').

For the parents of Year 7 students, we are pretty confident your sons and daughters know their way around by now but, don't worry, we will guide them to any areas of the School that they haven't yet had the opportunity to visit.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised further.

Yours faithfully

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