



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr P E McCullagh BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

Peaks Hill  
Purley  
Surrey  
CR8 3YP

9th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how pleased I have been with your sons, in adapting to a significant number of changes. You can be very proud of them. I had forgotten how fortunate we are with the students who come to The John Fisher School. For the first two days, the students have had to take on so much new information and prepare for working in a very different way. Our students have returned in huge numbers, looking extremely smart. Last week, we had 99.3% attendance from Year 7 and 97.3% attendance from Year 8.

## **Lunches**

Parents/carers are asked to purchase any lunch items via ParentPay from 8.00am on a Thursday – 12.00pm on a Friday. Lunches will not be able to be purchased after 12.00pm on a Friday.

If you are preparing a packed lunch for your son and/or providing him with snack items, please remember that we are a nut free school.

Students are asked to bring their own bottled water to school each day.

## **Parental access to the site**

Parents/carers are asked not to visit the school site to drop off forgotten items such as textbooks or Games kits. The only items which you are permitted to come on to school site with, are food items that your son has forgotten/left at home and medicines.

## **Games kit (Year 7, 8 & 9)**

For students in Year 7 to 9, I can confirm that if they have a Games lesson that day they should arrive in school changed and ready in their full Games kit. Students do not need to bring their uniform (shirt, tie, jumper etc.) as they will stay in their Games kit all day for their lessons. This is to avoid using the changing rooms.

## **Equipment: Reading books & highlighters**

Please make sure that from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, your son brings a reading book with him each day. The book should be something he will enjoy, and is a sustained work of fiction or non-fiction that is age-appropriate in content and should be of genuine interest. This will be able to help during transitions and if there is any unexpected cover. It would be helpful if your son could also bring highlighters to school if possible.

## **Coronavirus symptoms**

Can I remind parents/carers of what we all know, but please do not send your son to school if they are displaying any of the coronavirus symptoms. The NHS website gives further detail, explaining that the coughing symptom is a new and continuous one – which they define as coughing a lot for

more than an hour, or having three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. The high temperature is explained by the NHS web page as feeling hot to touch on the chest or back and it adds that you do not need to measure your temperature. The third symptom is a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste.

Anyone showing symptoms should follow the Government's guidance on isolation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Drop off/pick up**

Some parents/carers have been trying to park or drive right by the school to pick up their son with some just stopping in the roads at the front or at the back of the school despite the impact it is having on everyone else. We would urge you to drop your son off/pick him up slightly away from the school to minimise the number of people on nearby roads and to be considerate to our neighbours. We are also encouraging students to walk more or to consider cycling to school if possible.

### **Punctuality**

Gates at the various entry points close at 8:45am each morning. Students in Years 7 & 8 who arrive to school after 8:45am, should use the pedestrian gate at the front of the school on Peaks Hill. All students should report to the side window of Reception when they arrive on site.

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club for Years 7-10 will start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September

It will take place from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in an ICT Room (Room 2 potentially).

Monday - Year 7 / Tuesday - Year 8 / Wednesday - Year 9 / Thursday - Year 10

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

There will be a training day for staff on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. No students will be on school site apart from those in Year 7 who will be coming in to complete their CATs tests (further information on this will follow). We are also considering provision on site for Year 11, although this will be communicated nearer the time.

### **Parent forum**

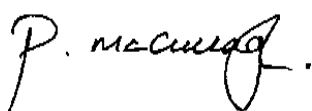
The Governing Body are looking to establish some parent forums. The first two forums which are going to be trialled are:

- 1) Yr 8 & Yr 9 parents/carers
- 2) Yr 10 & Yr 11 parents/carers

If a parent/carer in any of these year groups might be interested, then please email the school on: [johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org](mailto:johnfisherschool@johnfisherschool.org) by noon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh  
Headteacher