



11th September 2020

Dear All,

It's been so lovely this morning to welcome our final group of students back to the academy, where they belong. Classes are full of happy faces; both staff and students alike seem to be feeling positive about getting back into the swing of things.

In my welcome back assemblies (presented virtually to classes), I have asked the students to do two things for me:

- I have asked students to be kind, respectful and tolerant of each other. As a school community, we need to recognise that everyone will have reacted differently to the current pressures, so it is more important than ever for us to look after each other moving forward.
- I have also asked that the students trust in the 'ordinary magic' of schools. Assessing, identifying and remedying any gaps in knowledge is what we do every day as teachers. Students should not be anxious if they have not been able to access lessons during lockdown, or found it difficult to concentrate on their studies. Teachers are working hard to make accommodation for this in their plans for the upcoming terms.

Please do speak with your children around these points, and as members of our community also, do let us know if you have any issues or concerns.

I am impressed by the fact that students have alighted the buses every morning wearing their face coverings. Please do encourage this to continue with the same rigour please. Students must also remember to sit with their own year groups only. Our end of day arrangements make it such that they get on the bus as a year group, and should sit with year 7 at the front, going through the year groups to year 11 at the back. I have received communication from County to say that they are aware of some teething issues in regards to timings of buses etc. Do please let us know if there are any continued hiccups. If I may remind you, here is the link for further information about how school transport is working this term:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/home-to-school-transport/coronavirus-and-school-transport>

I wish you all a good weekend. It seems as though summer is returning, so I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the sun.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Hogg".

Lesley Hogg
Principal