



14th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle in to the new way of things, as expected, a couple of issues have arisen that we had not considered. I am always conscious that these are unique times, so hope that you will be patient with us as we work towards ensuring that school is a happy and safe place to be.

Firstly, lunch times are not working. With the need to socially distance our students between year groups, it has proved impossible to get everyone served at the canteen in the required time. We were not anticipating the high demand for school dinners, and whilst I am keen for these to continue at Iceni (some schools have withdrawn the service completely), we must find a way that is both efficient and safe. To that end, we will be adopting a 'grab and go' option for lunch that will be prebooked by the students a day in advance during their PL Tutor time. The meal deal will be a sandwich/hot option, a home baked cake/cookie and a drink for a set price of £2.30. This will then be prepared for the students in advance, ready to be collected at their given time. This is the only way that we can ensure that all students are catered for in a timely manner. I would continue to recommend that students bring a packed lunch where possible.

Secondly, and very understandably, we have noticed a considerable increase in the volume of cars parked outside the school at pick up time. Could I please ask, for the safety of our students as well as other motorists using the road, that you leave space to allow cars to pull in to avoid the oncoming traffic when passing?

Lastly, I have listened to Year 11 students who have said that they are struggling with being seated at stools all day down in their area of the Science block. I have looked at this with the site team, and we will be moving ordinary seating into Lab 3 and Lab 4 in the short term. Unfortunately, Labs 1 and 2 have yet to be updated, and so still have the fixed wooden benches that I'm sure you would recognise from your days in school! I have asked that we order 60 stools with back support to help out in these classes. As students move between these classes in their year group bubble, I am hopeful that this will sort the problem. I am pleased that students have felt able to voice their concerns and that we have, in this instance, been able to come up with a solution.

Please do let me know if there is anything else that you feel needs to be brought to my attention. It's important for us to communicate well during these times, to ensure that the additional measures we put in place keep the students safe and happy.

Yours sincerely,

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

Lesley Hogg
Principal