



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are extremely excited to welcome back all our staff and students next week. We know the time away from school may have not been easy; equally, some students (and staff) might be feeling a little anxious about returning to school. We are here to support and guide our Alexandra community through this process.

Familiar routines and rituals will help our students acclimatise to life back at school quickly, supporting their mental health. Making sure students have the right uniform and equipment is an important part of this.

Please note:

1. All students should return to school in full uniform. They should wear their PE kit to school when they have a timetabled PE lesson that day
2. Students who have enrolled in the Combined Cadet Force should wear their cadet uniform on Tuesdays.

We completely understand that over the lockdown period lots of students would have out-grown their uniform with the added complexity of many retail shops that supply uniform being closed. It's for these reasons that we will take a **sensible approach** to family circumstances. If your child has out-grown a particular uniform item, please do your best between now and their return to source a correctly fitting replacement. In the case where this is not possible, please send them to us with a smart alternative. For example, if their white shirt no longer fits, then they should wear a plain shirt which may not ordinarily be a school shirt. Any replacement item should not have large logos. Please also write a signed and dated note, for your child to show their form tutor and Head of Year. Hoodies are not permitted. We would expect all students to be in full school uniform after the Easter Holiday.

I can confirm that students with a signed and dated note explaining their uniform situation and with a smart replacement with small logos, will not be penalised or sanctioned by us.

Please note that the current government guidance suggests that uniform does not need to be cleaned more often than normal. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

The information regarding the expected uniform can be found on our school website or by clicking the link [here](#).

Face coverings in society has become an essential item which allows us to keep each other safe. This of course is the same in schools. Please can you confirm with your child that they have a plain face covering (blue, grey or black) and a spare on them every day. It is solely this uniform item that we will be sanctioning students for not wearing upon their movement around the school and in class. If you believe your child is exempt for wearing a face covering please write and sign a note for them so that we can act appropriately. Equally, we know and understand the importance of hand hygiene and social distance. Please confirm with your child that they have the essential equipment each day so that they do not need to ask to borrow any equipment.



Additionally, please make sure your son/daughter has the following equipment which is necessary for lessons:

- Face covering
- Student planner
- Reading book
- Pencil case
- Black pens
- Green pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Scientific calculator

I look forward to welcoming back our students from the 8th March for their staggered return and thank you in advanced for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jerome Scafe
Associate Principal