



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

After our first full week back at Highdown, we are thrilled at how quickly the students have adapted to the different protocols in place.

Teachers are reminding students about hand washing and sanitising and face masks. Most students are remembering their facemasks, have their own mini bottle of sanitiser for ease of access and are organised with their stationery. Thank you to all our families for supporting with this. Please remind your son or daughter that adherence to our one way system is also a measure for safety as in other public places.

Teachers are adapting to teaching only from the front according to the guidelines and doing a fantastic job. We usually circulate the classes to check on progress and understanding, but this is not allowed. Teachers have reminded students that engaging in question and answer sessions will help to check progress and our classrooms are a safe space. Incorrect or unusual answers help teachers to redirect learning and make links with other areas of the course. Let's remember, FAIL - First Attempt In Learning! It's good to try and learn from this.

We will review our processes and keep the community updated on steps we take. So far, we will maintain our plans (including staggered dismissal) intact.

Thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement. All teams at Highdown are working incredibly hard and your support is truly valued.

Yours sincerely

Ms R E Cave
Headteacher

