

# The Warriner School

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Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian

I write today with a review of Term 2, or the first term as our new Year 7 students would understand it, and an update of some changes being implemented for Term 3 on our return after the break.

Firstly a huge thank you and well done to all. I feel an overall attendance figure of 94%, given the current climate, is amazing. It is a real testament to the efforts of our young people getting back into school life; parents, carers and guardians supporting them back to school and the efforts of staff who have had to work in very different ways to support our full reopening. It is still an ever changing picture, so thank you for your understanding and support as we all navigate these difficult times. I am extremely proud of all of the students and staff here at school, I do not underestimate just how challenging it is for all, but as we head into half term it is important to note the efforts made by many.

This term has seen the full return to school life, not quite as we were used to, but it is wonderful to have all our young people back. Time out of school is being recovered, curriculums getting back on track and students once again working hard to be successful at whatever stage of their Warriner career. Clearly there is much more still to achieve over the coming months and years, but we have had a good start. This term, students and staff have been successfully embedding our new systems of control in reducing the risk of transmission of Covid-19. Year 7 and 12 students have settled extremely well into our school community. Wear Red Day was a great success and raised £729, with money still coming in, to help fund anti-racism education. Remote learning in the form of live lessons for those students unfortunately required to self-isolate is up and running, many events such as open evenings and Year 11 subject consultation evenings have been held remotely. As a school we have worked closely with the DFE and PHE in successfully managing three positive Covid-19 cases, two from our teaching staff and one Year 13 student – enabling the main body of students to continue their studies here at school.

My highlight of the term, is without doubt, seeing the lovely messages of support from parents and students to those who have tested positive – I think this is a real nod to the fantastic community we have at school and our wider community.

I am sure, given the unfortunate rise in national transmission, it will come as no surprise that all our current measures will need to stay in place moving into Term 3. In addition, we are also now revising our policy around face coverings in communal areas of school. On our return, could I please ask that you ensure your young person brings a face covering to school each day, and understands how it is required to be used, worn, removed and either washed or disposed of appropriately. Students and staff will be required to wear a face covering in all indoor communal areas with the exception of classrooms, the



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canteen and staff office areas. Students do not need to wear them in outside areas, however if they wish to do so they may. Students will receive further advice and guidance of this measure in their first session back after half term. Whilst this is not a direction from the DFE, it is within our remit and we now feel it is an appropriate time to add this to our current system of controls. Students will still not wear face coverings in classrooms, unless guidance changes, as it is recognised they can have a negative impact on learning. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>. Additional sanitising stations for classrooms are now being installed, however it would still be helpful for each student to carry personal hand sanitiser and ensure they frequently wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day.

Lastly, we look forward to next term, until then, have a safe and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Lowdell', with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'L'.

Mike Lowdell  
Head of School