

The Warriner School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Welcome back to our new academic year. I hope that you have all enjoyed some relaxation over the summer holidays and feel suitably refreshed for the year ahead. Thank you very much to those of you who contacted me at the end of last term and during the holidays to thank the staff for their hard work & commitment to the education of all our young people last year; that was very much appreciated.

I also want to start with a big 'thank you' – the students have returned to school, albeit in a staggered way due to Covid testing, in a very confident and upbeat manner. Thank you, too, for your support in our mass Covid testing over the last week or so – the students involved were brilliant! Over 80% of our student population had two on-site Covid tests and their behaviour and attitude to the whole process was exemplary. I also want to acknowledge the huge commitment and workload of our Covid testing support staff – an amazing team effort by all.

Overall, the standard in uniform is much improved and the learning atmosphere in classrooms is one of real engagement and positivity. In particular, it has been really pleasing to see just how well our Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled into their studies, new courses and timetables: a real credit to their families. Just a reminder, though, that all students need to uphold our uniform and jewellery policy, which can be found here if you are unsure: <https://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/uniform> and a gentle reminder that we want all students to have a face mask for those times they find themselves in crowded corridors or travelling on buses or sitting in assemblies. We do have spare disposable masks but a limited supply.

What is also exciting this term is that we are now, finally, able to organise and offer our two Enrichment Days on the 5th and 6th of October and there are so many lovely activities being arranged, so please keep an eye out for communication around these days.

There are a few points I would like to clarify for this year. Our 'Subject Consultation Evenings' will remain Online. From a time saving and environmental perspective, our remote subject consultation sessions have been a really successful result of the pandemic and one we want to keep. There will be more details



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around these sessions in due course but please be assured, for some parents who want a more personal meeting, we also have plans for this to be able to happen.

On a more practical note, parking has always been a tricky and thorny issue for us as a busy rural school but just to be clear, as discussed in my previous letter, there is no longer the option to use Bloxham Nursery as a drop off/pick up point and the residents of Crab Tree Close have asked, too, that their road is not used for dropping or picking students up; the residents have expressed concern about the sheer volume of traffic in a relatively small area which results in the road being blocked. Please respect the wishes of these members of our community. On this note, what is great to see is the increased number of students who are now riding a bike to school – great for the environment and great for their health. However, what is not so great to see is some students are not wearing a cycling helmet. If your child rides a bike to school, please insist on them wearing a helmet – our roads around the school are incredibly busy, especially with busses, and it would be such a tragedy if a child, not wearing a bike helmet, was involved in a road accident. If you would like us to support you in this message, please contact your child's tutor. If any financial support is required for a helmet, please talk to us.

Finally, there have been some changes around the way student attendance is reported. From next week any student who is unwell with Covid will be marked as unwell and will no longer need to stream live lessons. However, if they are well enough to want to do some schoolwork, they can access their homework platform or contact their tutor for extra work if needed. Only if a child is at home awaiting a Covid test result or quarantining will they be able to access live streamed lessons.

I hope you have a great weekend after such a busy start to the new year.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Nicholls'.

Sharon Nicholls
Head of School