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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of our first full week, I wanted to provide an update and share some important reminders.

Firstly, I want to say thank you for your support and understanding in helping us get back on such a positive footing. Whilst we are doing things differently, it is very obvious that the spirit of the school is still very much intact. It has been a pleasure to see staff and students enjoying being back to a degree of normality, enjoying each other's company and getting on with the business of learning.

Attendance

I must congratulate all students and staff for their positivity, engagement and excellent attitude as we have made our full return this week. I have been delighted that attendance has been above national average, a clear sign that our students want to be back in school and that there is a real confidence in the arrangements we have made to ensure a safe and secure environment.

As we move into the new academic year, it is important that all students aspire to achieve fantastic attendance. Excellent attendance ensures that your child has full access to our first class teaching and pastoral care. With this in mind, we have spent a great deal of time planning our attendance rewards programme for the year. Without giving too much away, I couldn't be more excited about our 'attendance extravaganza' event. In addition, after October half term we will launch the '100% Attendance Club' where there will be termly awards. Check out the school website for more details.

Focus on Learning

As the week has progressed, I have enjoyed seeing students engaged in lessons and re-establishing good routines. Over the coming days and weeks, teachers will ascertain where students are in their learning and support them to bridge any gaps that may have emerged. For students, the most important thing will be to continue to attend each day with a positive attitude and a determination to do one's best, by listening to the advice of their teachers and engaging fully with all learning opportunities. This will ensure that students maximise their success.

Homework

We firmly believe that homework is essential to build excellent study habits as well as deepening students' knowledge and understanding. All homework is set on Show My Homework and students have been given copies of their homework timetable which shows that each subject will give a full week for homework to be completed, allowing time for any queries to be answered well before the due date.

Please click on the links below for your child's homework timetable

[Years 7, 8 and 9 Homework Timetable](#)

[Years 10 and 11 Homework Timetable](#)

Planner

During form time, students have been issued with their new school planner and reminded that they are responsible for bringing it to school every day and keeping it free of graffiti. As a polite reminder, it is expected that all parents/carers will sign their child's planner at the end of each week. Signing the planner will allow you to quickly review the previous week for your child and engage in conversations about both the positives, such as Epraise awards, and any areas for improvement the following week. The planner is used as a communication tool between school and home so please ensure you check your child's planner on a regular basis.

Face Coverings and Public Transport

I would be grateful if parents would remind students that, in the interest of public health, it is a legal requirement to wear a face covering whilst using public transport. We expect all students to adhere to this requirement and, in doing so, demonstrate consideration for others in the community. If a student does not have a face covering, on the first occasion they will be given a disposable face mask. However, any further occasions a mask will not be issued and the student will not be allowed to use public transport to travel home on that day. Therefore, please remind students to keep their mask safe during the day with the rest of their belongings.

Traffic

The road in the immediate vicinity of the school, including the turning point for buses and the bus lane, has been very congested since the start of term. I understand that in the current climate some parents/carers may prefer to drop off and pick up their children by car, however, in such cases I would ask again that students are dropped off/picked up at some distance from the school (for example, at the bottom of Green Lane or beyond).

Visitors

Thank you for your understanding with regards to our current policy on visitors. Please note, this means that we are not able to receive any forgotten items from parents during the day, which makes it even more important for students to ensure that they have everything they need before they leave for school. In addition to this, any banned items that are confiscated (e.g. mobile phones) will only be allowed to be collected by parents from 3.30pm.

Open Evening - Prospective Y7 students

In the current circumstances, we will not be running a face-to-face Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students and their parents/carers. Instead our Virtual Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 15 October. This will include a series of live presentations from key members of staff to help prospective students and parents get to know us better, and make a well informed decision about their application to secondary school. Please have a look at the dedicated 'Virtual Open Evening' page on our website for more information. <https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/virtual-open-evening/>

And finally...

I want to thank all students, staff and parents/carers for their contribution towards a very successful first full week of term. I particularly want to congratulate Year 7 students for the brilliant first impression they have made, a great sign of what we can expect over the next five years. We knew that this September would be like no previous September, but what has been the same is the excitement of a new academic year, the enthusiasm with which everyone is embracing the opportunities and the happiness we all feel at being together again. Team Carleton continues to be an incredibly special place to be.

I look forward to the term progressing as successfully as it has started.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Cross
Headteacher