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Dear Parent/Carer

As we head into the summer break, High Tunstall College of Science will continue to work hard in order to prepare for the return of our students in September. We are excited to welcome everyone back into the building and we would like to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that our students feel safe on their return.

Following government guidance, one of the measures put in place will be students accessing learning within a Year Group bubble from September. Students will be expected to remain in their delegated classroom with staff moving around the College throughout the day to minimise any risk of year bubbles crossing paths. We **must** stress that any student trying to access another year group bubble will be a serious behaviour incident and followed up by Senior Leaders in the college immediately. Student conduct in the classroom is expected to show that they are **Ready, Respectful and Safe** towards staff and fellow peers.

We will be introducing a staggered lunch and break time across year groups in support of minimizing any further risk with a strict system in moving around the College. This is to ensure that we can operate safely and efficiently. In doing so, this will include individual year groups entering and leaving the College at a specified entrance/exit point at the start and end of the College day. Students will move around the College in their year group bubbles only and this must be followed by **all** students without issue. Understandably, we have had to amend normal routines in the current circumstances therefore routes around the college must be adhered to as instructed by staff. High Tunstall College of Science will not tolerate any students refusing to cooperate with staff within year group bubbles whether this is in the classroom environment or around the College community. We ask that parents/carers support us on this as we work hard to ensure that all students feel safe and happy.

Within the classroom environment, hand sanitizer will be used on entering and leaving the room. Students will be provided with a pencil case and all equipment needed to complete work. Pencil cases must remain in the classroom and cannot be taken home at any point and college equipment such as text books will **not** be shared across classrooms. We also assure you that classrooms and toilet areas are deep cleaned daily in accordance to government advice. Coats will be placed on the back of chairs and bags must be placed under tables. Student lockers will not be used until further notice with the exception of Year 7 who will be based in the North Building. Mobile phones are **not** permitted once inside the College and will be confiscated if seen out of college bags until the end of the College day. If this becomes a persistent issue, students will be asked to leave mobile devices at home or with Heads of Year on entering the College building.

We expect students to return in full college uniform with plain black shoes. No trainers or shoes with logos are permitted and outside coats should be placed in bags on entering College. We do not expect PE kit at the present time and students can wear suitable dark clothing for PE lessons which will be reviewed after October half term.

High Tunstall College of Science are proud of our students and how they have approached remote learning throughout lockdown. They are a credit to our college. It is now vital that students return in September and attend with the knowledge that they are safe which will continue to be our priority. We are looking to re-enter our learning with confidence and get back into a structure to support parents/carers around their own work commitments.

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We look forward to welcoming all students back into college. Government guidance is clear in that a full return of **all** students is expected from September and we will continue to follow attendance procedures in line with this guidance. We do expect students to be punctual on arriving at college in support of the College ensuring that students are safe in classrooms at the start of the College day. Our staff are committed to supporting students around the College throughout the day and we do expect students to be punctual for an 8.40am start in support of this.

As we move forward, we will continue to keep you informed in accordance with any new government guidance and we look forward to welcoming all students back into college. High Tunstall College of Science is extremely proud of all of our students and we look forward to seeing you in September 2020.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Wood
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