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Dear Parent/Carer

I should like to start by thanking all parents and carers for your support during what has been a challenging year. I should also like to commend our pupils for their hard work and the resilience they have shown this year. They have adapted extremely well to changes to their normal routines and can be proud of their efforts.

As we near the end of term I should like to update you on the end of term arrangements and key points for the new term in September.

Lockdown Easing July 19th

The easing of lockdown measures on Monday July 19th will not impact on the current arrangements that are in place at the school. These will remain the same until the end of summer term. To minimise the risk of contact between pupils we will continue to use allocated entrances, staggered times for break and the end of the school day. Pupils are also required to continue wearing face coverings on the school buses and should sit in their year bubbles. The wearing of face coverings will continue to be required on public transport. It is accepted that some pupils may wish to continue to wear face coverings in and around school.

Autumn Term: September 2021

Our new academic year will start the week commencing Monday September 6th. Similar to the school return in March, it is planned that pupils will undertake two lateral flow tests 3-5 days apart. It is the government's intention that tests are voluntary and, as in March, we will be seeking parental consent. The school is currently planning for this and further details will be made available to you mid-August.

The testing will result in a staggered start but all pupils will be in school during the first week of term.

Year 7 will be welcomed on Monday September 6th for a dedicated Transition Day.

Years 10 and 11 will return on Tuesday September 7th.

Years 8 and 9 will return on Wednesday September 8th.

KS5 learners will be invited in for testing on Monday 7th September in the afternoon.

We look forward to enabling pupils to be taught in smaller class sizes and tutor groups as the need to be in zones is lifted.

The school day will revert to an 8.40am start with pupils allowed on site from 8.20am.

All pupils in Years 7-11 will finish at 3.35pm marking an end to staggered finishes to the school day.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open each day at 8am. Parents/Carers can register for this by emailing: enquiries@uah.org.uk. Pupils will need to enter via Pupil Reception and go directly to the canteen.

Flu Vaccines

The NHS will be offering flu vaccinations to all pupils in Years 7-11. Further details regarding this roll-out will be made available to you in the forthcoming days. As with other vaccinations, it is planned that these will be administered on site.

Attendance

The school will continue to monitor attendance in line with government guidelines. It is essential that, should your child be required to be off school for any medical reason, you contact the school and maintain lines of communication.

Uniform

We are very aware of the challenges that families may have faced due to the impact of the pandemic. As a school we have sought to show understanding in recent months as pupils readjust themselves to the expectations of the school in terms of uniform and behaviour.

As we start the new term pupils are required to attend in the correct uniform including appropriate shoes and hair colouring. Details of the uniform are clear and can be found on the school website. Clothing can be purchased from 'Shotbowl' in Market Deeping, details of which can be found on the school website.

I should like to stress that, although school trousers and skirts are available from this supplier, the school openly accepts these items being purchased from other suppliers and outlets such as Sainsbury's, ADSA, Morrisons, Matalan, Tesco and Marks and Spencer. Trousers should be tailored and skirts should be knee length.

Pupils are expected to wear black leather shoes and not trainer styles (like Nike Air Forces), which are more often than not, more costly. Staff will be speaking to your child should they attend in inappropriate footwear and without the correct clothing.

We do hope that the summer break will allow the time to order uniform. We look forward to your support in reinforcing the school expectations regarding uniform and behaviour.

Mobile Phones

There has been much in the news in recent weeks about the concerns regarding the distraction of mobile phones in school. Whilst we recognise that pupils will wish to carry a phone, they should be placed in their pockets and bags and not seen or heard at any time in school.

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Pupils understand the requirements regarding mobile phones and we feel it is important to reiterate that disregard of the rules, designed to help everyone concentrate on their learning, can result in a phone being stored in a secure place until the end of the school day. We want our young people to benefit from the healthy, face-to-face interactions they have missed throughout the pandemic and also benefit from time spent away from online games and social media networks. We look forward to your support in furthering this aim.

This is a great deal of information to absorb at this stage of the term and no doubt, further updates will be made prior to pupils returning to school. It is, of course, a very fluid situation and we will continue to monitor government updates throughout the summer and endeavour to keep you informed of any changes.

It remains for us all to wish you and your family a restful and peaceful summer break in which you can hopefully enjoy lots of sunshine together!

We look forward to welcoming our new and current pupils to the school in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'S Paige'.

Miss S Paige
Principal