



4th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Welcome Back Everyone

A huge well done to everyone this week in what has been a successful start to the new term. Despite the understandable apprehension following over 5 months away, and the need for us all to respond to the control measures in place to ensure we are Covid secure, it has been great watching as everyone's confidence has increased as the days pass by.

Today marks the first full day with all year groups on site; their response has been amazing. Our new systems have been successful, and despite taking a little time for everyone to understand the new ways of working, we are confident that the measures in place will help support our whole school community moving forward. Can I also welcome all new members of our staff team; I know they have settled in well and are pleased to be able to support the school in re-booting children's education.

On a personal note, the opportunity to begin to meet our students is something I have been very much looking forward to. Their warm welcome and sense of pride shown in their school has been extremely reassuring; to quote one "... we are all just glad to be back". Feedback from teachers has been tremendously positive regarding how students have settled straight into their lessons, responding brilliantly to what is asked from them. A special mention to all our new year 7's, I know that Mr Smith and the team have been amazed by their confidence and ability to adjust so quickly. I look forward to getting to know all students in the weeks and months ahead.

I thought as we approach the end of the first week, I would send you a number of reminders to help us continue the positive start to the year:

1. Being Covid Secure

We have been talking to students about the importance of social distancing and the appropriate use of face coverings. We do this to ensure all of our students consider how they should keep themselves safe both within school and as they undertake activities throughout their day to day lives. We would ask that you continue to speak to your child about these issues and ensure they arrive to school with an appropriate face covering.

2. School Uniform

We are extremely proud of how smart our students look and the pride they show wearing their school uniform. As we have welcomed students back this week our priority has been giving reassurance regarding re-engaging back in school. Can I thank parents for taking time to read the uniform requirements, our students have returned looking extremely smart and in the correct uniform. Our full uniform policy is available to view on the school website on the following link: <http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/uniform>

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3. Parking

You may be aware that we have had to restrict parking in the layby at the front of school to support our transport into school. On behalf of our neighbours can I ask that at the start and end of the school day consideration is given to where parking takes place, being mindful of neighbour's driveway entrances, thank you for your support with this.

4. Communication Home (Social Media)

We continue to develop our social media platforms and have welcomed the positive response we have received from parents. A reminder that you are able to 'follow' school developments on:

- Facebook - Like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/Oldbury-Wells-School-100957548313951/>
- Instagram - Follow us on [@oldburywellsschool](https://www.instagram.com/oldburywellsschool)
- Twitter - [Twitter @OldburyWells](https://twitter.com/OldburyWells)

We are also continuing to use our text service with the aim of ensuring that everyone within our community can share in our students success and having an increased insight into the great work being achieving following their return to school.

5. Next Week (w/c 7th September)

Just a reminder to students that from Monday, 7th September when you arrive at school in the morning you need to go straight to the side (East or West) where your first lesson will be.

Thank you for your support at the start of the year during what are unusual times for all, we will continue to work hard to give regular updates which we hope will keep everyone informed moving forward. I know that together we can achieve as much normality as possible within the guideline's schools are asked to currently work under. I hope that after a busy few days, you have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lee Tristham
Headteacher