



# Hetton School

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## SEPTEMBER PARENTAL UPDATE

22.9.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I am writing to inform you of a change in our autumn term 'Staff Development Day'. We had originally planned to hold this day on Friday October 2nd. However, due to the current situation, and the possible threat of a national lockdown, we feel that we should maximise our student's time in school, rather than take staff development time at this point. As a result of this, we have decided to **move the staff day to Friday 27th November**. If this causes any problems for you please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Secondly, I would like to update you on the current situation in school regarding Covid-19. At present, the school has had **no confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst our staff or students**; our social distancing and hygiene procedures in school are now embedded, and have been improved by the compulsory wearing of masks in all non-classroom areas. We are extremely proud of the way our staff and students have started this extremely difficult term and would ask that you impress upon your children the need for them to replicate their excellent conduct and consideration of others when in the wider community. It is imperative that everybody follows the guidelines set out by the government if we are to do our part in overcoming this crisis, and keeping each other safe.

Finally, a point about remote education. If we are forced into a partial or full closure (local or national), then our student's education will continue remotely. All work will be set and accessed through ClassCharts and all students know their accounts and passwords. There will be no expectation that work has to be completed on a PC/Laptop or indeed 'online', but it must be accessed via ClassCharts via the app or online. Students can then do the work 'offline' and then upload their work or a photo of their work to their teacher. The teacher will acknowledge this and may provide feedback. **If you have any access concerns please get in touch.** In addition to this expectation, teachers may set up virtual or 'live' lessons, which, although strongly encouraged, are an extra for students. The links to these will be via the teacher and ClassCharts at the time.

Yours sincerely

Craig Knowles

Headteacher

