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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a great privilege, and with great pride, that I write to you my first letter as Head teacher of Broughton Hall Catholic High School. I was delighted to be appointed and I am very much looking forward to working with our pupils, parents and staff to make Broughton Hall the best school it can be. The culture and ethos of Mercy, based upon the principles of Catherine McAuley our founder, will continue to be our guiding principle. Our school motto of 'One Heart, One Mind' is more appropriate than ever as staff and pupils work together to stay safe.

Broughton Hall is a school with a rich history of ensuring girls are educated and developed ready for their future in Liverpool and beyond. The pupils continue to succeed and achieve through their determination and hard work, alongside the excellent teaching and care that our staff demonstrate. We will continue to provide pupils with the care and support they need in achieving their potential during the years they are with us.

Many staff, parents, pupils and my own family have asked how it has felt becoming Head teacher during these very different times. It has been a challenge to start my Headship now but my mantra will remain the same: to care for our pupils and keep them as safe as possible, whilst giving them the best education and opportunity to succeed.

I was delighted to see the return of our pupils across last week. Their excitement, exuberance and pleasure at seeing their friends and staff was clear to see, and most definitely to hear! They were excellent in their attitude towards the changes we have made: sanitising hands regularly, staying in their designated areas of school and maintaining their bubble. This cooperation is essential in maintaining the bubbles we have created, and the pupils should continue to maintain the high standards they set for themselves last week.

I have, alongside key staff, monitored and observed the practices around school. Evaluating sanitising of hands, how well our bubbles are maintained and the volume of pupils in specific communal areas. The bubbles have been maintained well, the pupils have used the sanitiser frequently and the school practices in this respect are working well. However, the number of pupils, from the same bubble, who have to use communal areas means that I am revising the rules on face coverings. **From Tuesday 8th September Face Coverings (cloth material) will be compulsory when travelling to and from lessons**, for example, on corridors and on stairways. Face coverings will be required to be worn as pupils enter site until they arrive at their class room base. Similarly, they are required when pupils change lessons. Pupils are asked to keep the face coverings in a small plastic bag inside their blazer pocket.

Broughton Hall High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people; we expect all pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



The change of rule will be explained to the pupils on Monday in preparation for Tuesday. Guidance on the washing of the face coverings will also be shared with pupils and parents. This change has been made with staff and pupils wellbeing at the centre of my decision making. If a pupil does not already have a face covering or is unable to purchase a face covering before Tuesday, then school will support the pupil with this. Similarly, those pupils who have a medical condition which means a face covering is not suitable will be helped to manage this by their Support Manager. If you have any queries or questions relating to this, please contact the Support Manager attached to your daughter's year group.

Alongside the change for face coverings, I would like to take this chance to clarify and remind pupils and parents of some key points:

1. Pupils should not gather in groups at the shops or at the school gates before or after school so that social distancing can be maintained for themselves and other members of the public
2. Year 9 are to enter via the green gate and will leave the site via the black gate
3. Years 7, 8 and 9 should wear their PE kit with blazer on days they have their PE lesson
4. Toast is available at break times for all year groups during the morning but breakfast cannot currently be served before school

I thank all parents, pupils and staff for their support over the past week and as we move forward through the next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Preston
HEAD TEACHER