



30 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to arrangements during the School Day

As mentioned in the school newsletter on 1 April, we were hoping to begin to make some changes to the operation of the school day during Term 5, to reintroduce some of the normal routines that we had in school prior to March 2020. In making these changes I have considered the national and local situation regarding Covid-19 rates, and have taken into account how the existing measures within the school have, since September 2020, reduced the risks of transmission. The safety of our students is of course always at the forefront of my mind when making these decisions.

From Tuesday the 4 May all lessons will move from being taught solely in the current hub areas, to a normal timetable, where lessons are taught within the specialist subject areas. Pupils will be issued with new timetables in an extended tutor time on Tuesday, during which they will be briefed on the changes.

To mitigate any risk from this change, the school will continue to operate the following measures, which have been in place since September:

- All lessons will start from the designated Year Group playground area and classes will be escorted by teaching staff in to their classrooms from the playground. This will prevent any contact between year groups in corridors.
- Designated routes in and out of buildings will be assigned and enforced to prevent bottlenecks.
- Split break and lunch-time and staggered finishing times to the school day will continue to minimise contact between pupils.
- Face masks, as per Government guidelines will continue to be worn in communal areas and classrooms - excluding those with exemptions.
- Continuation of access to hand sanitiser in all entrances to the school buildings and within all teaching rooms.

This change to our school day will be monitored carefully and I will write to you if any further significant alterations are required in the future as a result of local or national updates with regards to Covid 19 rates. The 2020-21 year so far at Hayesbrook, has been excellent and my staff and our young people continue to impress me daily. The decision to revert to specialist teaching rooms is partly a reflection of their engagement and commitment to the school and this move will further add to their educational experience.

Please could you take the time to mention these changes to your son/daughter, and also pass on my thanks for their engagement and positive attitude this year so far, as well as encouraging them to approach the coming 10 weeks of the school year in a similar way.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School