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Dear Parent,

Arrangements for the return of all our students to school in September

There is much coverage in the media currently about schools returning. I wanted to contact you to ensure you have all the necessary information to both inform and reassure you of the school's plan for the safe return of students.

The single most important of these is that if your child is unwell you do not send them to school. If they display Covid-19 symptoms, get them tested and do not return them to school unless they have a negative result. Any test result should be reported to the school via the office. Any students reporting feeling unwell will be returned to their home (or other agreed safe place) as soon as is practicable.

Within school our plan is unchanged from that we shared in July. The details can be found on our website <https://www.ifieldcc.w-sussex.sch.uk/> and there is a separate presentation for each year group. The most common question I have had over the holidays, surprisingly, is about tie colours. Your child keeps the same tie colour throughout years seven to eleven.

Face coverings

There has been much debate regarding face coverings over the last week. At ICC students can wear face coverings outside of lessons if they (and you) choose to. We will not ask students to do this nor stop them from doing so. In class, they should be removed if they have been worn. This is because touching a face covering that has been worn for some time can make the spread of any virus carried more likely rather than less. Face coverings are a precaution which is effective over shorter periods of time.

Hygiene

There are sanitizer stations at school entrances and at entrances to all classrooms. We will be asking students to sanitize hands on entry to school and to classrooms and to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilets. We ask students to follow 'catch it, bin it, kill it practice' if they sneeze.

'Bubbles'

We have rearranged all our classes into year group 'bubbles'. This keeps year groups apart. We will review this by the end of September and then periodically as necessary.



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We would urge all students to return to school. School is important to their academic, social and moral development and time missed is very hard to compensate for.

We very much look forward to starting back.

Yours faithfully,

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