

4 March 2021



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my recent correspondence, we are looking forward to welcoming your child back in school on Wednesday 10 March.

Please may I remind you that our initial LFD testing programme takes place on Friday 5, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 March. There will be no live lessons on the Monday or Tuesday but work will be set accordingly.

After a long period of time away, it is vital for students that they return in a safe and orderly way. When students arrive on their first day back, they will begin with an extended tutor period which will allow an opportunity to speak with their tutor regarding their welfare to ensure that all of our students are well. As a school we will work hard to re-establish our expectations and high standards when the students return. Our expectations of behaviour, attendance and uniform have not changed during this period away from school. Please ensure your child is ready for their return to school.

### **Correct School Uniform**

The wearing of uniform encourages students to feel a sense of pride and belonging to the school community. It also sets clear expectations and ensures consistency across all students to ensure health and safety and a good working environment without any unnecessary distractions. Please ensure your child has the following:

- Correct footwear in line with the Uniform Policy – plain black polishable leather or leather look shoes. Students are not permitted to wear trainer type footwear that have not been approved by the school (i.e. Nike Air Max type trainers).
- Hair should be of a natural colour and any extremes of unnatural hair colour will not be accepted. Your child will not return to school lessons should they return with an inappropriate hairstyle. This will be picked up by the Pastoral Team and dealt with accordingly
- Acrylic or artificial nails, nail varnish, gel nails or any other nail enhancement are not acceptable. False eyelashes, painted or dyed eyebrows are also not permitted. Persistent offenders may be placed into Reflection and will again not enter lessons.
- No jewellery should be worn with the exception of a watch and one charity wrist band. ONE SMALL STUD in each ear is permitted. Other piercings should not be worn in school for Health and Safety reasons. NO OTHER BODY PIERCINGS OR EAR PLUGS ARE PERMITTED
- Students must bring their own face covering into school as part of our expectations and part of their daily routine.

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It is the expectation that students will wear their uniform correctly at all times, and they should be expected to be challenged if this is not the case.

Students will have the opportunity of much needed fresh air during break and lunchtimes, therefore it is advisable to bring a suitable outdoor coat.

Coats are to be removed when inside the building.

Classrooms will be suitably ventilated to minimise the risk of any spreading of the virus, therefore, students may wish to wear a thermal or any other appropriate undergarment under their school shirt for extra warmth should they deem it necessary. Only the branded school sweater will be permitted under their blazer.

All uniform suppliers are currently open for business should you require any new items, and we are aware that local suppliers are also delivering stock. As a school we are always eager to support families with any concerns regarding uniforms, but please ensure you contact us before your child returns to school.

On their return to school, we would like your child to focus on the basics. As well as being in the correct uniform, having their bags with all the correct equipment and having a face covering (unless medically exempt) will all make the transition back into school much easier for everybody concerned.

A reminder that if your child is exempt from wearing a face covering then you need to contact the school in order for a new exemption card to be issued. Please contact your child's Pastoral manager in the first instance.

Undoubtedly, your child may find the thought of returning to school and the worries of missing their education a great concern; I would encourage you to explain that we are here to help and support them as much as possible, and the pastoral team will be on hand to discuss any concerns.

Students have shown enormous resilience and character throughout this period and we look forward to welcoming them back into school.

Please ensure that your child has credit on their account should they wish to purchase food and drink from the canteens during break and lunch.

Should you have any questions relating to the welfare of your child on their return, please contact the school and the pastoral team will be in touch in due course.

Please visit our [website](#) for a more detailed copy of our Standard Operating Procedures for students and parents.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Wilson  
Headteacher