

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are approaching the end of our second full week back to school since March. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am really pleased with how our students have embraced the start to a new academic year. Our attendance rates have been excellent and students have settled back into learning and our routines incredibly well. Thank you for your support with this.

To ensure the ongoing safety of our wider community, it is essential that students maintain social distancing when they are socialising with their friends after school and at the weekend. Students were reminded about the importance of this guidance in assembly earlier this week. Please see link to the government guidance: [Click here for government guidance](#)

Unfortunately, the local police team have alerted us to a very small number of isolated incidents where they have been called to intervene where the law on social distancing has been ignored. This has increased the likelihood of transmission of Covid-19 and potentially put more vulnerable members of our community at risk. We have also been informed that some students have been filming and sharing video footage of unacceptable social gatherings.

We would like to suggest the following two actions:

1. Talk to your children about the importance of the government health advice and check they understand their responsibilities around social distancing.
2. Periodically check their phone to ensure they have not taken or received any inappropriate images or videos and that such videos have not been shared to encourage others.

When students are at SBL, mobile phones should be switched off and placed in bags at all times during the school day. If a student cannot comply with these expectations, we will request that their phone remains at home or is stored securely in school.

If a student engages in any behaviour within the local community that brings the Academy's name into disrepute and are within our jurisdiction, then the incident will be reported to the Principal and a serious consequence will be put in place.

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to minimise the impact of Covid-19 on our community.

Yours faithfully



Mr S White  
**Vice Principal**