



MILLOM SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr M D Savidge

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

It is a pleasure to be able to write to you at the end of the first half term and be able to pass on positive messages about returning to school.

A huge amount of effort and energy was required by everyone in order to safely reopen the school and return to lessons. The planning stages through the summer allowed for changes to be made, but it needed the students to adapt to the changes and rise to the challenge of raised expectations. Throughout the term, the level of maturity shown by the students has been commendable. They have demonstrated their responsibility to each other and to the staff by respecting the changes and understanding the reasons for them. It takes an amount of maturity for students to be able to do this on a daily basis. It has been very much noticed and appreciated. Thanks must also go to the staff who have worked tirelessly to work in a school that is very much different; whilst providing education and opportunities to our students.

Attendance figures so far this term have been encouraging and well above the national average; an indicator that the measures we have put in place are working to build confidence to be in school. Whilst this is the case, I encourage you to take time to review the attached information about symptoms, when to self-isolate, and how to communicate with school about returning to school.

The changes to the way the school has been running will be in place for the foreseeable future as we move through the Autumn Term. It is important that students are aware of what awaits them when the return from a well-deserved half-term break. Year 11 will be undertaking Centre Assessments as they prepare for their examinations next summer, options processes will begin for Years 9 and 11 and all years will need to be confident with accessing work from home, in case of self-isolation.

It may be the case that we need to increase the precautions we are taking to keep the school open, and keep everyone as safe as possible. You will no doubt have heard in the media that a tiered system of Medium, High and Very High risk has been applied across the country. If we are told that our area is considered to be of high risk, wearing of face masks in communal spaces would become mandatory. You do not need to do anything at the moment, however, it is important that we know what may happen in future.

I would to thank you for your support during this half-term, particularly in supporting the new measures we have in place to keep the school as safe as possible. The students and staff have worked incredibly hard, under difficult circumstances. The level of respect, dedication and willingness to adapt has been a privilege to be a part of. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

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