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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a strange and rather difficult term for all of us, and I would like to thank you for your continued support, particularly in ensuring that the students completed work set by their teachers.

I have a lot of information to share with you, so this letter is quite lengthy, but I would ask that you read it carefully and keep it safe so that you can refer to it.

In line with the published guidance from the DfE, the school will be closing **to all students and staff on Friday 17 July 2020**. This is to allow teachers, support staff and school leaders to take a break, to recharge and rest. It will also allow us time to prepare for the school to open fully, and safely, in September. Students have been set work so that they can continue their studies over the summer holiday.

The Government has directed that **all** students **must** attend school in September, with fines being issued to parents for non-attendance. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school.

The Government has also directed that **students must return wearing full and correct school uniform**. A copy of our mandatory uniform list is included with this letter as a reminder.

How the school will work to keep your child safe when we open for all year groups in September:

- **All students will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds, before entering** the school building
- All staff and students must enter the school via Reception where they will **pass a thermal imaging camera** [see photograph] that takes their temperature and triggers an alarm if too high
- A **one way system** is in place around the school [pictured] and this **must be followed at all times** to ensure social distancing
- In order to minimise contact, students will remain in the same classroom for as many lessons as possible, and will **not be able to move around the room**, with teachers moving rooms
- **Year groups will be kept apart and will not mix with other year groups**; there will be separate breaks and lunchtimes for each year group
- The site staff will be regularly **disinfecting desks and chairs**
- There will be **packs of tissues available** to 'catch it and bin it' with access to bins in all areas
- There will be **daily deep cleaning of all classrooms and toilets** to ensure the safety of students and staff

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- There will also be the ***daily cleaning down of washable items that more than one child may use*** during the week. We will make sure the site team have the appropriate PPE equipment to do this.



Thermal Imaging camera in Reception to check temperatures on entering the building

One-way systems and clearly marked 2-metre social distancing guides



How you can help us to keep your child safe:

- ***You must provide the school with an up to date contact number***
- ***Students will be expected to wear their school PE kit on days when they are timetabled for practical PE lessons***, as we will not be able to use the changing rooms. You may wish to consider purchasing uniform black tracksuit bottoms, for when the weather turns cooler. [See attached uniform list]
- ***Students must be provided with a waterproof school bag*** large enough to carry A4 books and papers
- ***Students must carry their own set of stationery***, at the very least this should comprise pens, pencils, ruler and eraser. We will not be able to lend equipment to individual students and they ***must not share with others*** to avoid transmission of the virus
- Please ensure that your son/daughter wears the ***required face covering*** if they travel to school on public transport
- If you drop off your child, we ask that that this is done ***away from the school gate***, to avoid unnecessary crowding and people being unable to safely socially distance.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and advised to follow the 'Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

You must inform the school immediately of the results of a test:

- If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- If someone tests positive, they must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste [anosmia]. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

As we will have a full Year 7, and those students have not had the opportunity to have their induction day this term, they will come in for two days without the rest of the school, to allow them time to settle in.

Year 7 students only will arrive at 9:00am on Thursday 03 September and will be in school on Friday 04 September.

We look forward to welcoming back ***all our students in Years 11-8 on Monday 07 September 2020.***

Arrival times will be ***staggered for the first day only***, so that there is no contact between year groups, as well as adequate time for hand washing before entering the building.

Students must not arrive before their allocated time.

Year groups are to arrive as follows, ***in full school uniform, with a school bag and ready to learn:***

- **Year 11 at 8:45am**
- **Year 10 at 9:15am**
- **Year 9 at 9:45am**
- **Year 8 at 10:15am**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you once again for your support and to wish you a healthy, restful summer and that you remain safe.

Yours faithfully



Mr S. C. Reynolds
Headteacher

Uniform list attached



SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM



The wearing of full school uniform is compulsory for all school sessions and any journeys to and from the school site. This policy encourages students to identify with the school while promoting a positive, purposeful atmosphere during the working day.

The items listed below are designed with smartness, practicality and availability in mind.

Boys' Uniform

- Plain black blazer with embroidered Southchurch High School logo (No other blazers or jackets may be worn)
- V-necked, long-sleeved, plain grey jumper with embroidered Southchurch High School logo - optional, to be worn under school blazer and **not** to replace it (**No** other jumpers, sweaters, hooded tops or cardigans may be worn).
- White smart/formal shirt (**No** T-shirts or sports shirts)
- School tie
- Plain black tailored trousers (**No** cords, skinny trousers, studded pockets or jeans)
- Plain black sensible shoes and no embellishments are to be worn (**No** boots, trainers, Vans, plimsolls, or black skate shoes). If shoes have laces, they must be black
- Earrings – one plain gold/silver 2mm stud allowed in the lower lobe of each ear, no other items of jewellery except an inexpensive wrist watch. **No other face or body piercings are permitted**

Girls' Uniform

- Plain black blazer with embroidered Southchurch High School logo (No other blazers or jackets may be worn)
- V-necked, long-sleeved, plain grey jumper with embroidered Southchurch High School logo - optional, to be worn under school blazer and **not** to replace it (**No** other jumpers, sweaters, hooded tops or cardigans may be worn).
- White smart/formal shirt (**No** T-shirts or sports shirts)
- School tie
- Black knee length skirt with Southchurch High School logo, from the school uniform suppliers (name and address on the attached leaflet). **The skirt must be one of the two styles available:** box pleat or stitched down knife pleat.
- Plain black tailored trousers (**No** cords, leggings, skinny trousers, studded pockets or jeans)
- Plain black socks (**below** the knee) or black tights
- Hair fastenings, scarves and head veils must be plain black. Face veils are **not** permitted.

Additionally

- Students should have a plain outdoor coat. 'Hoodies' are **not** permitted.
- Hats are **not** allowed to be worn on the school site. The only exception is that during cold weather, as determined by the school, a plain black, woollen hat, may be worn.
- Students must **not** wear makeup, this includes false eyelashes.
- Extreme hair styles and colours are **not** permitted
- False nails are **not** permitted for health and safety reasons
- Nail varnish is **not** permitted

The school will provide make up and nail varnish remover for students if necessary.

- **School bags should be at least large enough to carry A4 size books and any school equipment.**

PE Kit

PE kit (Boys and Girls)

- Navy / Sky Haze Polo Shirt (Girls)
- Navy / Sky Vapour Polo Shirt (Boys)
- Navy / White Cuatro Shorts
- Navy / Sky Coolmax Socks
- Training shoes

Optional PE Kit

- Navy / Sky Pro-Tec Rugby Shirt
- Navy / Sky Cuatro Fleece Top
- Navy / White Cuatro Track Pants



Uniform Suppliers

School blazers, skirts, ties, jumpers and PE kit must be purchased from one of the two uniform suppliers:

Crawlers Uniform and Embroidery,
361 Hamstel Road,
Southend, SS2 4LE

Paul's Discount Clothing Store
38-40 Southchurch Rd,
Southend-On-Sea SS1 2ND