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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

25th August 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all of our students on September 7th. Whilst many of them adapted well to online learning we are really excited to be going back into the classroom and learning together.

Throughout the partial school closure, we have been careful to follow all government guidelines in taking measures to keep all members of our school community safe. Mr Roberts wrote to you in July (letter attached) and outlined the steps we are taking to make the school environment ready for full opening in September. I wanted to take this opportunity to further highlight some learning priorities. Before the Summer holiday, myself and our site manager walked through every classroom on both sites and have planned a safe layout for each room.

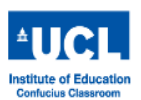
Classrooms have been 'zoned' for year groups – students in the same year group will move classrooms but the rooms they use are only used by their year group bubble. All classrooms will be well ventilated and have hand sanitiser for use on entry and exit. We will also be encouraging students to wash their hands regularly.

Please ensure that your child's school bag is big enough to carry exercise books to and from school. Teachers will not be collecting books in, checking of work will be done in the lesson live using the iPad so that the teacher can add comments / check understanding. Teachers have undertaken additional training in live marking using the iPad during the lesson. Please encourage your

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child to charge their iPad the evening before school and ensure they have enough space for their schoolwork. This is a really good opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning and they will have the resources they need to complete their homework well.

In order to fill any missing gaps in knowledge, homework is more important than ever. You will notice an increase in the frequency of homework which is designed to support the curriculum. Homework will be set in one of three formats; learning something ready for the next lesson, quizzes or exam questions or an extended writing piece. Please help your child to get into good homework habits from the very beginning of term; if possible provide a quiet space, encourage and show your interest in what they are doing. If your child is experiencing any difficulties with homework, please let us know as early as possible so that we can support them and help to manage any anxieties. Homework will be submitted through Firefly and marked online so that you and your child can see the progress they have made.

I would also ask that you support your child by encouraging them to regularly check their equipment. Because of Covid measures we are unable to lend out equipment in lessons. This is a good opportunity to build independence for our students and for them to learn to take responsibility for a key aspect of their learning. If you are having difficulty providing any of the equipment needed, please do contact your child's year office and we will ensure that we support you.

Your child's timetable will be uploaded to Firefly on the 1st September. This will help you to ensure that they have the correct books and equipment in their schoolbag each day. The timings of the day are different for each year group in order to comply with distancing guidelines, this will take some getting

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used to and I would encourage students to check these times carefully. In order to continue to offer a full curriculum, students in Years 9 and 10 will have some lessons at the beginning of the day (see letter from Mr Roberts) via Teams. This is the official start of the day and is where the AM registration will be taken. If you are having any issues accessing Teams please contact ITsupport@hovepark.org.uk so that we can help you with access and to avoid your child missing any learning.

The Department for Education last week launched their #backtoschoolsafely campaign and have published information available through this weblink which may be of interest to you:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

On behalf of all the staff at Hove Park School, we are very excited to be welcoming back all of our students and working together to make this school year a fantastic year.

Below are some contacts if you have any questions.

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Yours Sincerely,

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