

EBR/SJS

27 August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may be aware that there have been recent announcements by governments in both the Republic of Cyprus (RoC) and UK regarding the requirement to wear face masks in school. I am sure this has raised questions for you when considering our own return to school next week. After consultation with BFC, who have considered both governmental responses, our unique context and, in particular, our own current measures to mitigate any risk, the decision has been made that secondary school students will only be required to wear face masks on transport; where social distancing cannot be maintained; where flow of moving staff and pupils is 2-way and where flow of staff and pupils is indoors. **This means that all students need to bring a mask to school with them and a bag to put it in every day for access to areas of the school where this applies.** Please note that this will not include lessons.

We would like to reassure you that the safety of our school community is paramount and should there be any changes to any of the factors that have allowed this decision, we will reassess the requirement for the wearing of masks as a matter of priority. Our risk assessment is evaluated regularly and we will keep you informed of any changes. The current measures are beyond those in UK schools where the risk remains considerably higher.

In addition, we expect **all students to be equipped with a pencil case with pen, pencil, ruler and eraser.** If they can have additional items such as pencil crayons, scissors and a glue stick this will help with reducing the sharing of equipment which is beneficial for everyone. **Students will also need to bring water in a refillable bottle and non-perishable snacks** in the first few weeks until we are able to provide a Snack Shack service for those who wish to use it. **All students should be in correct school uniform** including all black trainers, shoes or plimssoles from the first day back.


We have put in place a staggered start for students and the timings of these are below. New students (including Y7) and Y11 will have a shorter first day that will help them with induction. This will finish at 10:30 when buses will return to Akrotiri and Paramali. If you are a new parent and wish to have a tour of the school and ask any questions then you may collect your child at 10:30 and we will provide a parental tour and Q&A session for you to familiarise yourself with the school.

Here is the reopening schedule:

Date	Who is in school?	Timings of the school day
Wednesday 2 September	Y7, Y11 and new students in Y8, 9 and 10. (6 th form interviews)	8:00 – 10:30
Thursday 3 September	Y7 and Y11 (6 th form Interviews)	8:00 – 2:00
Friday 4 September	All students	8:00 – 2:00

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any more information before school returns at SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org

Yours faithfully



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