



23rd September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In June the Department of Education issued guidance to schools regarding schools re-opening in September with safety measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. Etone College has responded with a variety of measures.

We have introduced year group bubbles by zoning pupils and restricting the mix with other year groups. We have introduced staggered start and end times and each year group has a dedicated entrance and exit point. Lunch and break times are also staggered in order to maintain year group bubbles.

The curriculum has not been compromised as Etone College still offers all the areas defined in the National Key Stage 3 curriculum. During the school day we have taken further measures by introducing double lessons to minimise the mixing of pupils during changeovers. In addition, we have aligned the groups across the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science where previously groups were based on assessments from individual subjects. This alignment will reduce the number of pupils that come into contact with each other through keeping bubbles consistent. We understand that this may have resulted in a small number of pupils changing groups, however, our priority at this time must be the safety of all pupils.

These changes have not been made based on your child's performance or ability, it is merely a response to COVID-19 guidance.

All our staff will continue to ensure that pupils are supported and challenged within the lessons and as such, no child will be disadvantaged by these changes. Once restrictions have been lifted, we will be able to resume individual setting for English, Mathematics and Science.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Chauhan.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

