

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to you with an update on the term so far. Year 7 have settled well into the new term and school and are starting to develop excellent learning habits. Years 8 and 9 returned ready to work and seamlessly continued where they left off. We are very proud of the way our scholars have conducted themselves throughout the challenge of returning to school.

As you are aware, our wonderful scholars are kept in bubbles and they have separate toilet facilities and classrooms. Lunch is brought to the scholars and we have very strict uses of hand sanitisers. The bubbles have separate entrances and exits. We have staggered the school day to reduce scholars' crossover before and after school. Each evening the classrooms are cleaned ready for the next day.

### **Attendance**

I appreciate that there is extra caution at this time, but I must stress to you the importance of good attendance at all times. The government have made it clear that all scholars must return to school. The routine of school, learning and spending time with their friends is proven to have a very positive impact on scholars' mental health.

If your child has the symptoms of Corona Virus as described by the NHS below, please arrange for a test as soon as possible and do not send your child into school.

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss, or change to their sense of smell and taste

If you are unsure as to whether to send your child in, please contact the school for advice. In addition, may I draw your attention to the NHS advice on the difference between a common cold, the flu and Covid-19 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/>. We are happy to give, with consent, medicines to scholars to help them through the day. A form to accompany the medication can be collected at reception or downloaded from our website, <https://www.turnerfreeschool.org/parents-and-carers/letters-home/>.

### **Parking and Turning**

Our neighbours at Kidz Planet have reported an increase in cars turning round and the use of their car park at TFS pick up times. They respectfully request that their car park is not used for these purposes.

### **Breaktime Snacks**

Student Finance have had emails from parents querying charges for snacks at break time. Snacks come at a cost of 50 pence and are charged via ParentPay. If the ParentPay account is in arrears, scholars may be declined a snack.

### **Replacement of Scholar ID cards**

Scholars who lose their ID card, lanyard or cardholder will need to purchase new ones. Please order these via your ParentPay account.

*Replacement of ID card, holder and Lanyard:*

*ID card = £0.50*

*Card holder = £0.50*

*Lanyard = £1.00*

If you have any questions, please email [tfsadmin@turnerschools.co](mailto:tfsadmin@turnerschools.co) or telephone us on 01303 842400, option 3.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'C'.

Mr Chapman  
Vice Principal