

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before I start the first home news of the academic year, it seems appropriate for me to share with you schools response to the very sad and sudden news of the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

Every Friday, school holds a morning assembly to celebrate the successes of the week. Before the assembly this week I shared with pupils the events of the previous day, the impact that Queen Elizabeth II has had on all of our lives and that of the global community. We also shared our thoughts with the Queen's family at this most difficult of times.

The start of term has been extremely positive. Our Year 7 intake are settling into life at Greenbank really well, taking on board all the new changes and routines as they get to know the class teams, their timetable and the layout of school. Similarly, students who have moved key stage and classes have settled and hit the ground running in terms of their studies and the support they give each other. I couldn't have asked for a more positive start to the term. A fantastic start.

I would like to share with you a number of operational issues that I need you to observe in order to make school run effectively and ensure all members of the school community are safe.

### **Covid-19**

Whilst the term 'Living with Covid' is part of our common language. Schools need to consider what this means. If a child is unwell, we would not expect them to attend school. We need families to contact school if their child is unwell and not attending school. If school does not receive a call, we will ring home to try and understand why a pupil is not in school. Whilst there is no legal requirement to isolate if a pupil tests positive for Covid-19 the advice is that pupils remain at home in isolation for 3 days. The isolation period for adults is 10 days. Isolation reduces the risk of the virus spreading throughout the school. Members of the household do not need to isolate. School continues to promote health and hygiene messages- for example hand washing.

### **Medication**

Medication must be sent via the taxi escort in the original packaging. Only medication that is in the original box, with the correct dosage and name will be administered. We are not allowed to accept medication in any other form of packaging.

All young people who have an inhaler should have an inhaler in school for school use, and an inhaler in their bag for their taxi journey.

Please return all medical consent forms promptly so we can ensure all details are correct.



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### **Car Parking arrangements**

The number of pupils attending Greenbank School has risen year on year creating significant transport challenges. Last year 14 parents opted to bring their child to school. This year 22 parents opted to do so. This means we have to try and cater for an extra 8 vehicles. There are also more taxis on site. Working closely with our neighbouring schools, parents and taxi companies the following arrangements are in place for the safety of everyone:

*As you approach the bottom of the campus, traffic cones split the flow of traffic into two lanes. The **right hand lane** is for traffic dropping off and picking up at St. Wilfred's and traffic turning around from St. Nicholas'. The **left hand lane** is for traffic dropping off and picking up from Greenbank School. Between the hours of **7:45am-9:30am** and again from **2:15pm and 3:15pm** there is no stopping or parking in these lanes. The 2 parking bays may be safely used outside of these times. These arrangements reduce the risk of lanes being blocked and traffic jams forming at peak times allowing all pupils to access school calmly and on time.*

I fully appreciate that parking space is at a premium and have informed the Local Authority of the issues.

### **P.E.**

P.E. changing rooms are now open for pupils. On the days pupils have P.E. they need to come into school in school uniform and bring their P.E. kit with them. They then change, using the changing rooms. Staff are available to support if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration and support in these matters.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr McCann**  
**Headteacher**



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