

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Head Teacher: Donna Walker**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well and in the current local lockdown situation. We have had an incredibly positive start to the beginning of term and are very proud of how our KS4 pupils in Pallion have settled back into school, they have been producing some amazing work in lessons.

### Changes to School Arrangements.

From **W/C 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, we will be increasing the time in school, so pupils are able to attend 2.5 hours per day, Monday - Thursday. All pupils will continue to attend school in their class 'bubbles' of between 4-6 pupils, with their dedicated Teaching Assistant to support them.

Each group will have staggered start and finish times to ensure that mixing between groups of pupils is kept to a minimum. **These times will be confirmed by staff during daily welfare calls this week.**

In line with the updated Government guidance, we have a number of measures in place to keep pupils safe in school. Face coverings are required to be worn in corridors and communal areas, enhanced levels of cleaning, handwashing and respiratory hygiene are in place, as these are the most effective controls in reducing the spread of Covid-19.

**All pupils have now been provided with a school laptop to ensure they are able to access Century Learning and Microsoft Teams.**

Learning will continue to be supplemented by additional resources on our online platform with Century Learning. Outside of these times, school staff will also take part in daily Virtual Check in sessions through Microsoft Teams Live/daily phone calls to ensure your child has all the support they need.

**Pupils will leave school at 12.30pm every Friday (packed lunches will be provided for those pupils on FSM) to allow time for the school to be thoroughly deep cleaned.**

### Test and Trace App

As you will no doubt be aware, the NHS Test and Trace app has now been launched. The app is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over.



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The DfE has published guidance for schools and further education colleges on the app, as well as a factsheet for parents. This can be found on our website.

The app has 6 key features that will help to reduce personal and public risk:

- Trace – alerts the individual if they were in close contact with a confirmed case
- Alert – provides the individual with the risk level associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) in their local area, based on the postcode district they enter
- Check in – allows the individual to check in to locations via the app and official NHS QR codes
- Symptoms – allows the individual to check symptoms against government guidance and to get advice
- Test – allows the individual to order a free test and to receive results and advice via the app
- Isolate – provides an isolation ‘companion’, which counts down how many days they have left to isolate and provides links to useful advice

All plans and procedures are continually reviewed during to ensure that we continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in these unprecedented times.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

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**Pupils required to self-isolate as they, or a member of their household has symptom or confirmed COVID-19**

