



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

Be the best we can be

19th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The half term has flown by and although the weather has been variable at least I have been very pleased with the way our school has run during these challenging times. I have been particularly impressed by the conduct of our students who have followed our procedures and guidelines. However, it is important that we need to maintain our systems particularly as we move into winter. Can you encourage and remind your son/daughter that they need to follow social distancing rules, hand sanitising and the wearing of face coverings, where directed for their safety and the safety of others. We have made some adjustments to our systems and face coverings are compulsory in all corridors and covered areas excluding classrooms where they remain optional.

As we move nearer to the October half term, I wanted to write to you with a request. Naturally a half term week is a time for rest, relaxation and, for many, a holiday abroad. In light of the COVID19 pandemic, please do carefully consider the impact of a trip abroad on your child's education. The Government is currently advising against all but essential international travel. Restrictions and quarantine requirements are often brought in with little notice and any travel out of the UK carries a high risk of the family needing to carry out a 14 day period of self-isolation. To minimise the need for our students to be absent, please do follow the Government guidance concerning travel. Further information regarding travel can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>. I thank you for your understanding on this matter.

The improvements to the site are continuing, the work on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will start over half term. There will inevitably be some disruption, but all of our students will benefit from the enhanced sporting facilities hopefully soon after completion around Christmas. In addition, the work on the veranda will be finished over half term which will complete phase 1 of our site improvements.

I am keen to hear your views about how you think the school has managed for the first half term following the school closure. Please can you complete the attached survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v6-dBbdWh0-RSFvJSr2jtesR38nkaR5Gq0Mvd7IrfxUMIU3RUNYVUhTVzNURThRTENLRE0yMFZONC4u>

Finally, my thanks for your continued support and the messages of support are very gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fell
Headteacher

