Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Induction day and evening at Hodge Hill College for September 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 pandemic we are unable to go ahead with the Induction Day or the Induction Evening on Wednesday 1st July. Please note that term starts on Wednesday 2nd September. Please ensure that your child arrives onto the school site no later than 8.40am. Staff will be at the pupil gates on Bromford Road to escort your child into school. Please note that adults should remain at the gate and should not enter the school site.

Please arrange a spot away from the school gates if you pick up your child from school. It is impossible for all parents to meet pupils at the gate as there is no space. Please note that both gates on Bromford Road are used for dismissal and pupil’s exits will vary from day to day depending on the lessons they have at the end of the day. Bromford Road is very busy. As all pupils live close to the school please ensure they walk to school for a healthier lifestyle.

Key Dates

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<td>Start of the term for New Year 7 pupils – Please note that parents are not permitted on site to collect pupils, 1200 pupils leave the site at the end of each day, it can take 15 minutes for pupils to get from their classroom to the school gate. Please encourage your child to walk or cycle home if you live nearby. The road is congested and parking is difficult. If you are picking up your child can you please arrange to meet them in a road further away from the entrance of the school.</td>
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Please talk to your child about the importance of good hygiene. If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 you must not send them to school, but must instead follow the government guidelines.

Please ensure your child brings with them each day:

- A school bag
- A clear water bottle with water only
- Tissues
- Hand sanitiser

Finally, can I once again encourage parents to register for free school meals through the online service found on the website: http://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/Parents/FSM/. Parents can also come into college if they require assistance in completing the online form and we are happy to help with this application over the telephone too.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Andersen
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