



COVID Advisors

Dear Parents and Carers

I am grateful to parents and carers for taking the time to give us feedback on the College's response to Covid safety. One thing parents asked us to look into was how we could improve the physical distancing some students when they were waiting for public transport and walking along Spetchley and London roads. We took this up with the County Council and the bus company and I am delighted to say that we have received positive responses on both fronts. First Midlands have increased capacity on the services from Spetchley Road at busy times to better suit the new timetable and the Council are currently looking into whether an additional bus shelter can be installed.

Yesterday afternoon the Local Authority contacted me to say that they have agreed to allocate some COVID Advisors to patrol Spetchley Road at busy times to remind students of the need to maintain physical distance and to provide face masks or hand sanitiser as required. The Technical Services Manager has reassured me that although COVID Advisors have enforcement powers up to and including the issuing of fines, they see their role as one of persuasion and reminder and only use their legal powers as a very last resort.

I am sure that like me you are excited about the good news we have had regarding progress with vaccines and the declining rates of infection in Worcester and beyond. Given these developments it might be understandable if some of our young people began to think that the worst was over and that they no longer needed to be vigilant in keeping themselves and others safe. It would be a real shame if we were to let our hard work go to waste through carelessness so please can I ask for your support in reminding your son or daughter of the importance of maintaining physical distancing outside of College and to reinforce the message that the reason we all try to keep

our distance is to keep our students, their family and members of the community safe.

Kind regards

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