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Understanding the changes at JCA

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to JCA this week. Whilst there has been some understandable anxiety, there have been many smiles. During the induction sessions this week, we introduced the changes we have put in place to mitigate the risk of Covid. Attached to this newsletter is the PowerPoint that we used in our induction with students. It covers everything from the One Way system, to Hand Sanitising when they enter and exit a room, to *Walk Quickly and Whisper*.

You may want to go through the PowerPoint so you understand the changes and discuss them with your child. Please do email **jcainfo@clf.uk** if you have any questions.

New Astro Turf!

During lockdown, our 'small' astro turf was replaced. We have had a new 4G astro installed and it looks fantastic. It will make all the difference to the enjoyment and safety of PE lessons.

In order to look after the pitch, we can't use normal trainers or shoes on it. Instead, students need moulded or screw-in plastic studs less than 15 mm can be worn or Astro Turf Trainers.

I recognise that asking you to purchase more uniform right at the start of the year is less than helpful, so can I ask that you get your child an appropriate pair of boots by **October half term.** The PE team will have spares, but only limited numbers.

PE Uniform

We have had a number of queries about PE uniform as there are delays from the supplier with hoodies not due to arrive until November in some cases. The PE department have always had the following rule:

The top layer needs to be JCA branded uniform.

So you could wear a polo shirt with warm tops (or skins) underneath. You could also wear shorts with leggings or skins underneath.

Canteen – Online Payments

There has been a slight delay in getting the system set up for online payments for the canteen. We have been reassured by the company that it will be no more than 7 days until it is working.

There were two main reasons why I wanted a cashless system for our canteen. Firstly, it means our students do not need to carry cash around with them. Secondly, from a Covid perspective, it means students do not need to hand cash over to our canteen staff.

In the short term, we are going to grant every student a £2.50 per day overdraft which they can use to pay for food at school from Monday 7th September.

As soon as the online system is set up, the money spent each day by your child will appear as a debit which you will need to pay off before you put any more money on the system to pay for future lunches.

So from Monday 7th, your child does not need to bring cash to pay for lunch, they can use their overdrafts. Or they can bring packed lunch.

Y10 Option Changes – Deadline Friday 25th September

Year 10 students will only be permitted to change their option subject selections up until Friday 25th September. Please note that changes to option subject selections will only be able to take place if the subject has a space and aligns with the options blocks.