



Dear Blatch families,

We have been delighted to have all our students back in school this week and it is brilliant to have many aspects of school life returning to normal. We are working hard with all our students to ensure that they are settling back into their routines, focusing on the importance of punctuality to lessons, general good conduct around school and ensuring all students have the right equipment so they are ready to learn effectively in their lessons. We would very much appreciate your support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

Canteen update

We are now able to use the seating area of our canteen and from Monday 26th February we will be able to serve food in the canteen, Snack Shack and Quad Pod as normal.

General site update

We are hoping to be able to get the RIC (our library), the Sports Hall and the East Wing Gym back in use relatively soon. Our Design and Food rooms are going to take longer to be back in use and we are currently working on other possible solutions to enable practical work in these subjects to start up again.

Trips and extra-curricular activities

It has been fantastic to hear stories from the 110 students who took part in our ski trip to Italy at half-term about their experiences and we're very grateful to the 15 members of school staff who gave up their half-terms to take our students, and to those working behind the scenes in school.

We have lots of other trips and extra-curricular activities taking place and being planned for the future so do encourage your child to take part.

A reminder that our Upper School Production takes place next Wednesday and Thursday evening and tickets can be purchased here: [The First Eleven tickets](#).



Care in dropping off/picking up students from school

Please can we remind all parents and carers dropping off or picking children up from school, especially in inclement weather, not to park in unsafe locations, including on pavements near the school or yellow lines or zigzag lines. Please also avoid driving down the dead end of Frant Road.

We had a situation today where cars parked on Holmes Avenue and the corner of Fallowfield Avenue caused a fire engine to be blocked from responding to an emergency, as well as potentially endangering our students. We would therefore very much appreciate everyone's support in keeping our students, and other members of our community, safe by parking appropriately.

Best wishes,

Ms Claydon.

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Blatchington Mill School**

