



14th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

September 2020

When I last wrote to you, I promised to write to inform you of our plans for September. Now that the Department for Education has outlined guidance for schools, I am in a position to communicate these plans to you.

Key points:

- Years 7 and 11 return on Friday 4th September.
- All other years return on Monday 7th September.
- All year groups will enter and leave the school building via separate entrances after crossing the main gate.
- The new school day runs from 9am-3.50pm on Mondays, 8.30am-3.50pm on Tuesday-Thursday and 8.30am-1.50pm on Fridays.
- Years 7-10 will be expected to wear full uniform as outlined by Mrs Williams and detailed on the website.
- Year 11 will have a separate letter sent to them clarifying uniform expectations later in the week.

In order to maintain year group “bubbles” as mandated by the Government, we have divided the school site into separate parts for each year group and have also ensured that we have staggered lunch and break times in order to ensure that we don’t mix these groups.

In effect each group will have:

- Set classrooms for all ‘core’ lessons. Where facilities are shared, such as PE or art, these will be cleaned between each use.
- Students will be expected to wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have PE in the short-term.
- Set toilets and wash facilities for each year group which no other year group can use.
- Sanitation stations in each corridor alongside hand-sanitiser in all rooms.
- Specific break areas for all students to be able to play in away from other year groups.

- Set eating times and areas, so that they can get through the canteen more efficiently.
- Set seats in each room that they will be allocated to for all lessons. Each desk will be numbered and each student will have a number.
- A Covid isolation room away from the main school so that, should anyone display symptoms they can quickly become quarantined.
- A very clear set of rules, routines and procedures that all students and staff will be trained in with clear consequences and rewards set out.
- Centrally purchased stationary in order to ensure that students do not have to share pens, pencils, rulers, etc.
- Better communication so that you can instantly see what interactions have occurred between your child and teachers in the school.

Further guidance will follow and be published on our website. We have been working hard in order to ensure that the site has been transformed for students and staff and is a place where learning will come first. We have missed so much time and we need to make every minute count.

The following areas have been allocated to the following year groups:

- Year 7 - upstairs area around the Library.
- Year 8 - upstairs area which used to be Maths
- Year 9 - downstairs area to the left of Reception.
- Year 10 - the area around the Dome.
- Year 11 - the Atrium.

Whilst we will not be able to maintain strict social distancing rules this is due to the size of the site, students will not be allowed to hug, play or act in any way that puts their own or others safety at risk.

We have worked hard to develop a curriculum that will drive improvements and allow students to succeed and look forward to working closely with you in order to achieve this aim.

The curriculum we have developed will help drive the improvements that our students deserve and we look forward to working closely with you to offer then the best possible chance of success.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer break and look forward to seeing the full school community back together in September.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School