

16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Back to school arrangements for September

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all of our students in September. The government has issued guidance for all schools outlining the preparations required to enable the safe return to school. I want to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain a priority for us in our planning and that we are conducting a full risk assessment to ensure that all reasonable measures are in place. Below is the government advice for parents and carers about the autumn term:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

To meet these conditions we are amending the way lessons are delivered to ensure that when students return they will continue to be taught a broad and balanced curriculum. Students will be taught in year group bubbles in an allocated zone of the school and will be in a base room for most of their day unless they need to access a specialist classroom. Lunches will be served separately to each year group and students will have a designated outdoor space for their break and lunch times. These measures are in place to reduce the mixing of students between different year groups in order to facilitate the 'track and trace' system required if a student or member of staff shows COVID-19 symptoms in school.

Transition for Year 7 and Year 12 students

On **Monday 7th September** school will open for year 7 and year 12 students. Year 7 students will experience a condensed version of the transition days during which they will meet their base coach; get to know their base group and take part in a variety of activities designed to introduce them to new routines and prepare them for the term ahead. Year 12 students will meet their tutor and learn about our standards and expectations in the Sixth Form. This day is a vital part of the transition process.

Return to school for all year groups

On **Tuesday 8th September** we will welcome back students from every year group. This day will focus on the reintegration of students into our school community and the implementation of the health and safety measures to keep everyone safe. Students are expected to return in full school uniform and equipped to learn. Please refer to our website for further information. Please also note that school attendance will once again be mandatory from September.

These plans are simply an outline. More detail will follow after the next government guidance. We will contact you via text and email, in August, to inform you of further information and confirmation of our plans, in preparation for the new academic year. Our detailed risk assessment will also be published on our website to inform and reassure you of the safety measures that will be in place.



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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best and hope that you enjoy a break this summer.

Yours sincerely

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