

July 3rd 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

September 2020

We have now had 12 weeks of school closure and that has brought many challenges for you as parents/carers, for staff and for our students. Yesterday the Government published its guidance on the full return of all students to school in September. We will be delighted to see our students back in school and learning with their teachers but it is important to stress that school will need to be quite different in order to comply with the Government's guidance and there will be much we cannot do in the way we have previously done.

We have already been doing a lot of work on amending the curriculum and ensuring every child can catch up but now that we know the details of the guidance we need to plan for reduced movement around school and that will mean a change to timetables; we need to plan for keeping separation between year groups and that has a massive impact for break and lunch times; we need to plan for the enhanced cleaning of rooms and equipment and how so much more will have to be done through demonstration rather than hands on experience. We also need to plan for school transport, though the guidance remains that wherever possible students should cycle or walk and if that is not possible, get a lift and only use school transport or public transport if there is no alternative.

It is going to take a while to pull all that together and the plans will then have to go to the Governors of the school for approval but I will send out a comprehensive plan once it is finalised. I can only ask your patience in this and assure you that we will do all in our power to ensure that the school experience despite the changes and restrictions is a good one.

Year 10

Thank you to Year 10 students who have been in this week and displayed an exemplary attitude to learning as they engaged with their option subjects. Next week the programme is as follows

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th: English sets 2b and 2c

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th: English sets 2d, 3a and 3b

Year 7

On Friday July 10th Year 7 have been invited into school in small groups to meet with their mentor for a catch up and a reflection on learning during lockdown. Please remember to reply by Monday July 6th if you are a year 7 parent/carer.

Uniform Shop

I have been informed that the uniform shop will open on July 13th

With best wishes

Andrew Waller

Headteacher