

February 26th 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Return to school

As I indicated in my letter a couple of days ago, I will send out a detailed plan of how we will return to full school opening and I hope to do this on Monday. This will be phased and, in line with DfE guidance, we have to prioritise Years 10 and 11. To give you some advance notice, the phased return will be:

Year 11	From Monday March 8 th
Year 10	From Tuesday March 9 th
Year 7	From Wednesday March 10 th
Year 8	From Thursday March 11 th
Year 9	From Friday March 12 th

Free School Meal vouchers will end on Friday March 5th and we will make provision for those days when students are not in school the following week. This will probably be in the form of sandwich bags which can be collected from the school reception and so we will need to find out next week how many of those sandwich bags will be required.

The children of critical workers and those deemed vulnerable can continue to attend every day and do not wait until their year group returns.

Mass Testing

Thank you for the fantastic response we have had so far to the mass testing consent form request. If you have not already completed the form, I would please ask you to do so as soon as possible to help us plan. We do need you to complete the form whether you are giving consent or not. The link to the form is

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KmRPY3CzdEmmLdv4oiFT5XKPPER_aqtEphSicHneV_o5UOVdaWVNCUII2S1dVUVRUVzdKMDU1RjdGTS4u

Year 11

We learned yesterday that grades in the summer will depend entirely on school's assessment of student performance but that quite rightly there has to be a rigorous evidence base and quality assurance process within school for the awarding of grades. When Year 11 return we have a three fold job

- To ensure that we are responding to any pastoral and wellbeing concerns that have resulted from lockdown
- To ensure we continue teaching as much of the curriculum as we can so that they have the knowledge and skills to move on to post 16 courses
- To gain the evidence in each subject for the grade to be awarded from a programme of assessment that will build on what we already know

It is therefore really important that Year 11 continue to engage with their learning – they need the skills and knowledge and we need the evidence to justify the grades they will eventually be awarded.

Parents' Evening Year 8

Again, the response to the Year 8 Parents' Evening bookings has been very good. If you have not already done so, please go to <https://carrhill.schoolcloud.co.uk> and make your appointments for the Parents' Evening which will be held remotely on Thursday March 4th from 4pm till 7pm. The system is very easy to use, you do not need a password or username – just a device with a microphone and camera – and we have had excellent feedback on the system from parents in Years 9 and 10.

Year Leaders

Due to a staff absence there will be a temporary change to responsibilities for year groups when all students return:

- Miss L Coulthard will take responsibility for Year 11 lcoulthard@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk
- Mr N Long will continue to take responsibility for Year 8 as he did for the first part of the academic year nlong@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk

World Book Day

Thursday March 4th is World Book Day. We would encourage all our students to read every day – reading widens experience, furthers knowledge, stimulates imagination, provides new ideas and vocabulary and so on. World Book Day allows us to emphasise why reading is so important and there will be a number of activities on the school website under the 'student' tab and mentor time will focus on WBD. We would ask students to send in pictures of themselves reading – sent to their mentor or English teacher.

With best wishes



Andrew Waller
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