

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's letter is focused on the long term plan moving into the Autumn term and sharing with parents key information about when the full details of this will be communicated with you. It is also an opportunity for us to gather some key feedback on our distance learning curriculum.

Distance Learning Curriculum Feedback

It has been a longer period than any of us anticipated for distance learning and your early feedback helped us to shape our Distance Learning curriculum offer to students. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting your child with their Distance Learning during this time. You have all done an incredible job, in the most difficult circumstances, in supporting your child to move onto a completely new platform, from Doodle to MS Teams, and in sharing all of our training and support material with them. You have guided them to follow a flexible timetable that suits them and ensures they focus on key subjects every day.

We have been so pleased with student engagement in MS Teams and we thank you for the number of students who log in and work hard throughout the week, every week. We know it is very difficult and we are all doing our best at this time. More than anything, we look forward to seeing students again and supporting them through a RESTORE curriculum that addresses their academic and personal well-being – supporting them to become successful, happy and creative students at CHS.

As we prepare and look forward to a return in September, we would like to review our Distance Learning curriculum and your feedback is a crucial part of that process. We ask that you take some time to sit with your child and complete the following survey together: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KLTDBYX>

Students have also been sent a survey via MS Teams and we would love for you to encourage them to complete this.

Looking forward to September

We very much welcome the idea that we will have all our students back in school with us next term. They have been away for far too long and we are keen to see them again, to inspire them with high quality classroom learning with their teachers. The official guidance from the Department for Education was only released to schools yesterday, and as a leadership team we have already started to look at how we can implement it safely and consistently. I do have to prepare parents at this time that the way that we will run school in September will need to be different to how it was run before school closure. As we will need to put into place control measures for a number of aspects in school, to minimise the mixing of students and to support the advice from Public Health England.

As we stated in last week's letter, we will aim to bring students back into school in a supportive and phased way. This will mean that we will be starting students on different

days to properly support them with the new routines that we need to adopt for our community to feel safe and secure for the Autumn Term. This means that we will be planning to have a 'transition' back into school for all students. We have had the experience of doing this with our Year 10 students over the past few weeks and we have been really impressed with how they have responded to this in such a responsible manner. We will share the details of this information with parents fully by the end of this term.

In addition to planning for a full return to school in September, we have also put together a continuity plan in case students are not able to be in school for external reasons, for example because there is a need to close schools temporarily due to a local lockdown. In the event of this we would be able to revert to our Distance Learning programme, and staff are preparing this to run alongside the classroom curriculum. The survey that is attached to this letter will help us evaluate how we continue to develop this next year.

We are fully aware that at present there are many questions about what school will look like and we will aim to communicate with you the answers to these questions before we break up for the summer holidays.

I would like to thank parents once again for all their support and patience in what is an extremely challenging situation for us all.

Kindest regards,
Chorlton High School