



July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term/Start of Term Arrangements

As we begin the last week of term, I would like to update you on end of term arrangements and arrangements for the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 8 September 2020.

End of Term Arrangements

Term ends this Friday 17 July. Teachers will continue to provide remote learning until the end of term. Face-to-Face provision will also end on this date.

Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision

Parents/carers of students who attend this provision should note that the last day of term (Friday 17 July) will finish at the usual time of 14:50pm.

Microsoft Teams

We will close down our Microsoft Teams site on Monday 20 July. The materials used during the 'remote learning' period will still be available on our 'Virtual Learning Environment' (VLE). This will be particularly important for students in Year 10 and Year 12 who will be able to access consolidation tasks that we would always ask them to complete over the Summer break to support preparation for their GCE and GCSE exams. There will be no summer task set for students in KS3. The VLE can be accessed via <https://satchel.guiseleyschool.org.uk/course/view.php?id=481>

Form Tutors

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be introduced to their new Form Tutors this week via Teams. Students should keep an eye on their Form Team for a welcome video from their new Form Tutor or, where the Tutor is remaining the same, a keeping in touch message.

Start of Term Arrangements September 2020

COVID-19 Guidance

The Government has issued guidance for the full opening of schools in September 2020. We are excited by the prospect of being able to welcome all students back for the term. Senior Leaders are currently planning in line with Government guidance to ensure we can be open to all students in September. **This will involve some re-organisation of our school.** A detailed risk assessment will be in place.

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The driving principle will be the safety of our students, staff and community. We will be developing the arrangements over the next few weeks to ensure control measures are in place whilst at the same time delivering our high quality broad curriculum.

At this point, we already know these measures will include:

- Reorganisation of the school to ensure that we reduce contacts between students and maximise social distancing as much as is possible.
- A requirement for those with COVID-19 symptoms to self-isolate.
- Engagement with NHS Test and Trace.
- Enhanced and effective hand and respiratory hygiene.

Maintaining 2m social distancing is not possible when all students are back in school. We will be following the guidance to ensure that cohorts of students are kept apart and that we are able to prevent movement between groups and minimise movement around the school.

There is a huge amount of logistical work to complete before plans are finalised and consultation with staff and unions will need to take place. I expect to be able to share these plans with parents/carers during the week commencing 10 August 2020.

In the meantime, some of our arrangements for the start of term in September are already confirmed:

Staggered Return to school

In order to manage the safe return of all students, we will be following a staggered return to school. While our new Year 7 will return on Tuesday 8 September, Years 8-13 will return on Wednesday 9 September for half a day. This will allow us to induct students in to new ways of working as well as preparing them for the new academic year. We will confirm specific times and entry points for each Year group once the detailed plans for September opening are confirmed.

Uniform

All students will be expected to meet the full uniform requirements as published on the school website. If any parents/carers are in need of financial assistance, please contact us via the application on the uniform section of the Guiseley School website.

Attendance

School attendance becomes mandatory again from the beginning of the new term. If you have any questions around attending from September, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader in the first instance.

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Mandatory equipment checklist

Our mandatory equipment list has grown in response to COVID-19 control measures and we would ask all families to ensure that students have all equipment on this list when returning to school in September. A copy of the equipment list is attached with this letter and is also available on the website.

Lockers

It is anticipated that all current Year groups will retain their locker areas in line with where they were situated last year. The only exception to this will be students currently in Year 9. Mr Lord will be contacting parents/carers to ensure students have a final opportunity to clear their lockers or remove their padlocks before the end of this term.

This year has been the most extraordinary time that I can remember in education and has been challenging in so many different ways. I would like to thank parents/carers for the work that they have done in maintaining an ongoing commitment to education through home learning over the period of closure. This has not been easy and I understand that it has required individual sacrifice. However, the effort made will ensure that many of our young people have maintained a good level of progress and engagement with their studies. This will, in turn, make the process of learning 'recovery' in September a much quicker one than otherwise would have been the case.

Whilst we have set some consolidation tasks for Year 10 and Year 12, the summer break needs to be just that. Where possible, a period of recuperation and relaxation for students and families ahead of what is going to be a busy autumn term.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing all of our students return to school in September.

Yours sincerely

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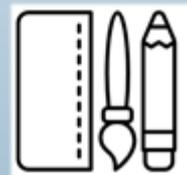


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Guisoley School Equipment List

We are aware that the Guiseley School equipment list has grown this year in response to changes in working practices due to CoViD-19 restrictions. If any families feel they are unable to provide any of the equipment on this list, then please contact your Pastoral Team on September 7th.

- **Planner**
- **Black & Green Pens**
- **Pencil**
- **Eraser**
- **Ruler**
- **Exercise Books**
- **Scientific Calculator**
- **Glue Sticks**
- **Pencil Crayons**
- **Small Scissors**
- **Headphones (3.5mm)**
- **Reading book**



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