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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you of changes to the term dates for the start of the academic year in September and to apologise for the late notice of this change. In light of the recent government announcement that there is a 4 week pause at Step 3 of the Roadmap, we have received further guidance in school, this confirmed that all current measures and risk assessments must remain in place. These measures mean that all pupils must remain in bubbles, test twice weekly etc. Guidance around transition days states: 'this means that traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year' and this is the position we find ourselves in. Pupils arriving from different schools would not be able to mix and would have to remain in their first school bubbles. Here at Kirkburton we have pupils from 14 different schools in our new intake of 167 pupils; we would not be able to find enough spaces or the numbers of staff needed to keep pupils within their own school bubbles.

As I am sure you can appreciate this will cause anxiety for pupils who have not visited the school before or met with any staff. In order to alleviate pupil's anxiety we would like school to open for Year 6 pupils only on Tuesday 8th September. **Year 7 and Year 8 will now start their new academic year on Wednesday 8th September.** This will give our new pupils the opportunity to get to know the layout of our building, meet all their teachers and make new friends. They will be able to spend a greater amount of time with their new form tutor on that day and be able to learn their new routines.

On Wednesday 8th September Year 7 and 8 will have time with their form tutor and we will resume the new timetable on that day. We are also conscious that our new Year 7 cohort are yet to experience a 'normal' school day at KMS. The staggered start will ensure we can spend time with them on their first day back teaching them how to move around the building to different classes and lessons.

Please accept my apologies once again for this change of date but as I am sure you can appreciate, we are having to adapt and make changes as we receive updated guidance. We all hope that September will bring a return to our normal school timetable and the full range of extracurricular activities that all the pupils enjoy and deserve.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Taylor
Headteacher

