



Longdendale

H I G H S C H O O L

26th June 2020

Dear families,

We hope that you are safe and well. We wanted to update you on the events in school over the last week and let you know how the reintroduction of Year 10 to the school has progressed. We have been delighted that so many learners have taken the opportunity to attend on their allocated day - attendance has been really strong, and we have really enjoyed welcoming them back into school. The detailed planning and preparation that we shared with you ahead of the reopening has been followed by all the learners who were present without exception. We would like to thank you for your support in making this partial reopening a success. If you have not yet taken advantage of the offer of a place for your child but would now like to, please email reopening@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk with your child's name to confirm. It is really important that you send an email before the end of the Wednesday before the week you wish your child to attend to ensure that we can ensure they are accommodated safely.

You may be aware that the school closes for the summer at the end of Thursday 16 July 2020, this will result in the pods who attend on a Friday missing out on their final day of attendance this year. This was naturally causing us some concern and we have been working to find a resolution to this issue. We are pleased to confirm that the lessons that were planned for Friday 17 July 2020 have now been moved to Wednesday 15 July 2020. We want to assure you that the high standards of sanitisation and all other procedures recently communicated to you will remain in place for this day.

Social distancing remains a mainstay of this period of partial reopening, the school site has been marked out with a two metre space between all members of the school community in mind. The government have made an alteration to this guidance and are in the process of introducing a "one metre plus" rule. We consider that our current plans are entirely clear, appropriate and err on the side of caution. As a result we have no intention to reduce the social distancing from the previously communicated two metres.

We receive and review frequent updates from various government departments and implement changes as appropriate. The government has not yet released any detailed guidance about the administration of GCSE exams for Year 11 next year but we have been assured that this is in the process of being developed. Despite this, we are in the process of drawing up plans for September and, as soon as we are in a position to, we will share these with you. We share news and updates via Twitter, if you have an account please do follow @AspirePlusTrust.

Once again, we thank you for your support during these challenging times and we remain available to answer any queries you have about the reopening process.

Yours faithfully,

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