

17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school closes today for the summer, there will be plenty of work taking place to make the building as "Covid safe" as it can be. We are ordering signs, arranging one way systems and checking classrooms over the next six weeks.

I sent our detailed document about a return to school and appreciate the questions that have been raised. Many of the questions were covered in the documentation, but I have created a short assembly for parents and students which will hopefully ease some nerves before we break for the summer. I will be contacting students directly via Satchel One to wish them well and direct them towards the changes in school next term. The video can be found here:

<https://www.loom.com/share/d4facc4817da4956889d0d13462b9879>

(despite trying to cram this into 3 minutes, the best I could manage was 10!) I have included a copy of the powerpoint to help as well.

As I said last week, thank you for all of your support over the last four months. The word unprecedented has been used throughout this time and it is difficult to not keep using it! We had no idea what to expect when the school first closed, but the effort of students, the quality of the work and the support of families has been overwhelming. As a profession, teachers have adapted to a new way of working and the success of so many is testament to their work.

This term will see us saying good bye to a number of staff. Mark Cooper is leaving the Science department to take up a promotion in Blackpool, whilst Anne Herdman leaves our finance team for a Business Manager role in an academy chain. Lisa Brown, PE teacher and Child Care Supervisor, also leaves to take up a role at Carr Hill. We can't thank them enough for their efforts in recent years and wish them well for the future.

Despite the challenge of being locked down, we are excited to welcome a number of excellent new staff to the school. I will write to you over the summer introducing these nearer September.

I hope we are all able to enjoy the summer, keep safe and return to a more normal situation in September.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Baker
Headteacher