

"A learning community in pursuit of excellence"

7th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are enjoying the summer break and that everyone is safe and well.

As the summer break continues, there is a lot of alteration work continuing on site. We are removing the brick planters in the Newton Yard and are adding slight amendments to the site to help with student movement. We are about to take delivery of a large number of signs, which will be put up over the next few weeks.

UNIFORM: Whilst it is proving a challenge getting fitted for school uniform, we must reiterate that we require FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM for the new academic year. This includes blazers. When we first came back with year 10, we removed the need, but the government guidance is that full uniform should be worn. I hope this clears up any confusion.

RISK ASSESSMENTS: We have also worked on the various risk assessments that are required for reopening. These have been written and are due to be shared with governors shortly. We will aim to have these agreed and on our website for the week ending Friday 21st August.

FEEDBACK: We are awaiting further changes/updates to the government guidance. We expect further information to follow on facemasks. I also want to use this letter to remind parents that whilst we will implement control measures to limit risk, social distancing (as we know it) will not be possible in classrooms. We will manage movement and breaks time, but the requirement to have all students back in school at one time means that class sizes will remain the same. This means that children will be sat in pairs, generally facing the front. It is important that we are all as comfortable as we can be about what school looks like in September.

If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Baker Headteacher