

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the school year, we are spending most of our time considering the best possible start to the new one. The key start dates for next year have been amended slightly bringing year 7 in a day earlier than previously advertised, but they are:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: School is open to new Year 7 students only
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September: School is open to new Year 7 and Year 11 students only
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: School is open to all students

Whilst the country returns to some form of normality, we have put together a guide of how we can best translate the government guidance for reopening. This is a draft document at this stage and the governors will be required to sign off a number of documents that will be produced over the summer. We also think there may be changes for schools communicated over the next few weeks, as the science and information moves forward (i.e. guidance on face coverings). However, this guide does give a flavour of what school will be like for the first term.

Please take time to read it, or if you prefer, I have created a presentation repeating the main points. It does cover everything we think you need to know to start the new year successfully.

Many of the questions we get tend to be linked directly to the government advice around social distancing. However, the guidance is clear that schools will reopen and that we must focus our attention on "controls" and accept that social distancing will not be possible. However, if you have direct questions or suggestions then please complete this form and we can try and respond over the summer.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hmpYW-bEmU2DF5CfHJ74qo\\_TmijnIK5ljQ5kAPxZDCtUM0hOTE9ZRDO0UVdWWjRGUDFYU1VWUUdWWS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hmpYW-bEmU2DF5CfHJ74qo_TmijnIK5ljQ5kAPxZDCtUM0hOTE9ZRDO0UVdWWjRGUDFYU1VWUUdWWS4u)

This has been the hardest few months for so many reasons. However, as we have said from the start of the pandemic, we will do the absolute best we can and will continue to do so. We all fear the economic, social and health implications of Covid19, but please remain assured that we will ensure the children of the Fylde continue to be safe, enjoy school and perform brilliantly. Thank you for the many messages of support and understanding. They have kept us going when making last minute changes! These have been difficult times for everyone, but knowing that our community will continue to be served by committed teachers and supportive parents ensures that our amazing young people will continue to thrive.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Baker  
Headteacher