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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and remaining safe at this time. There are several things I would like to update you on, but first, I would like to thank you for your continued hard work and effort in supporting your child to complete their home learning. I understand the challenges that this brings to daily life and appreciate the efforts you continue to make.

School Place September 2020

You will be aware that we have been contacting parents to ask if you have accepted or declined the place your child has been offered for September 2020. Our advice is that, even if you intend to appeal, you should accept the place – this will ensure that your child has a school place for September 2020. Please remember that Manchester City Council is responsible for the allocation of school places for your child and we have no part to play in the appeal process.

Supporting your child's transition to their new school

While the current situation has stopped the original plans we had in place for your child to transition to their new school during the Summer Term, I would like to reassure you that we are working tirelessly behind the scenes in collaboration with the new schools to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. Key information and data about your child will be shared to ensure that they are supported from their first day of attending. Depending on the social distancing restrictions, it is my intention to try to facilitate some time at your child's new school with a key member of staff from Newall Green present to support as required. In a number of cases children will be being asked to make options choices for study at their new schools. Please make sure that this information is returned to the school as soon as possible so your child can secure their preferred subjects. If you need any help with choices and decisions, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will arrange for someone to talk things through with you.

Free School Meals Voucher Scheme

We have recently signed up to the National Free School Meals Voucher Scheme and those that have provided an email address will receive access to their vouchers during the w/b 11th May 2020. If you have not yet provided an email address, please email school with your details admin@newallgreenhigh.manchester.sch.uk and we will arrange for you to benefit from this scheme too.

Maintaining Contact

At least every fortnight you should receive a telephone call to check on your child's wellbeing. Please do your best to take this call. It provides an important source of feedback and allows us to address problems as they emerge. If you have a concern about the well-being or safety of your child, please contact main reception during school hours on 0161 4138546, or alternatively email admin@newallgreenhigh.manchester.sch.uk .

Possible Re-opening of School

Further to the Prime Minister's recent announcement on Sunday 10th May, that some children/young people will possibly be returning to school from the 1 June, we would like to advise you, that we are now waiting for further details from the government, however, it is clear that the current message involves Year 10 students only. We will contact you if the re-opening of the school is extended to include Year 7, 8 or 9 students, at present the current Home Learning situation will continue past 1st June for your children.

Home Learning

We know pupils in all year groups have been challenged by finding themselves in this situation and having to find a new way of working. We know they miss the opportunity to socialise with friends and the opportunity to discuss the work set. The Home Learning packs which were sent out during w/b 13th April provide a timetable up to half term, we will be sending out an updated pack before Monday 1st June. If you require support accessing the work, or would prefer a paper home learning pack please contact school as soon as possible.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Jones
Head of School