18.08.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this correspondence finds you and your family well. Please find below details of our plans for next year alongside some key dates and features of our revised calendar.

We are planning for a full-time return for all students from September. The Department for Education guidance recognises that all schools are different and allows us to put in place arrangements that best support our school community.

There are a number of unique factors about our school which require special consideration when planning for September. As a specialist provision, spread across an open site, we have taken the decision to stagger the pupils return over a two-week period (see details below). Pupils will not be allowed to enter the site until 0830hrs and when they do arrive they will need to go directly to form rooms.

We are fortunate to have a number of rooms and spaces to utilise to enable staff and pupils to socially distance. Pupils will be provided with specific break and lunchtime areas.

We will be providing a full curriculum from September to all students. There will be modifications to arrangements or course content, particularly in practical subjects such as Art, Design Technology, Drama, IT, Music, PE and Science. We also need to use all available space to provide these subjects. The size of our site means that zoning students in particular areas for their lessons is not possible. Therefore, our planning is based on controlling movement, emptying areas of buildings before students enter and designating waiting areas. This will avoid crowds in corridors and ensure that where students do need to pass it is done safely. Having staff based in specialist areas ensures that classrooms can be well managed and that we maintain a controlled classroom environment.

The Department for Education expects students to return to wearing school uniform. We will provide more detailed guidance about uniform and equipment next week but please make sure that your child does have full school uniform. It is designed to be easy to wash and quick to dry so in most cases this will be the normal dress for students. We may implement some slight adjustments, including flexibility for students to wear PE kit at certain times of the week to avoid the use of changing rooms. This will be reviewed in the first two weeks of September and you will be notified of any changes.

To reduce the potential spread of disease, where possible please ensure that your child’s uniform is washed each day and a clean uniform is worn to school the following day. If you require more uniform, please contact the school.

The school calendar

A full return to school for all students presents significant challenges and it is essential that all students have a positive start to the year. Therefore, the start of term will be as follows:

The first week back:

Tuesday 01.09.20: Staff training. Inset day. No pupils on site.

Wednesday 02.09.20: Staff training. Inset day. No pupils on site.

Thursday 03.09.20: Year 8 and 9 pupils only.

Friday 04.09.20: Year 10 and 11 pupils only.

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Week 2:
Monday 07.09.20: Y8 and Y9 pupils only.
Tuesday 08.09.20: Y8 and Y9 pupils only.
Wednesday 09.09.20: Y10 and Y11 pupils only.
Thursday 10.09.20: Y10 and Y11 pupils only.
Friday: All year groups.

Your child will be provided with specific home learning to complete when they are not in school during week 2.

Week 3:
All year groups to attend Monday-Friday ongoing unless you are advised otherwise.

At the end of Tuesday 08.09.20 a provision review will take place to reflect on the start of term and to discuss any adjustments that need to take place. You will be contacted if any adjustments affect your child.

The full term dates are shown below and on our school website.

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The school is working closely with transport and they will be in touch with you to confirm your child’s individual transport arrangements.

I appreciate that there will be still be a lot of unanswered questions at this stage. Please bear with us in the coming week and we will make sure that you have all the practical information that you need. We will be in touch regularly in the autumn to provide updates as needed and to alert you to any upcoming events.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout this pandemic and look forward to receiving all our students back in school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Melanie Keating
Head Teacher