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Date: 14th July 2020

Parent Letter Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding since the lockdown in March. We have strived to keep you informed of the guidance that the Government has issued whilst also ensuring that learning has been able to continue. Our key priority has been, and remains, the safety and well-being of the whole school community.

I am writing to update you on our plans for wider opening in September following meetings with Governors and the Local Authority.

Whilst the Government has indicated that they would like all students to return fulltime in the Autumn Term, this will not be possible. We believe the most effective and safe way to get students back to school is through a phased return during the first half term. This will ensure that our risk assessments are robust and, also allow for us to support the many students we know will have experienced high anxiety during this time and be fearful of returning.

Tutor Teams will talk to you all individually about your child's timetable and support in arranging transport. It is not yet clear how transport will work. The option of bringing and collecting your child will remain an option and mileage will be paid to you directly from the L.A.

Our aim is that all students will be back to their pre-lockdown timetable after October half-term but will work with you to support individual students for whom this may be difficult.

In September we will work in Bubbles that include students and staff for each Key Stage. Each Bubble will have its own 'zone'. This will include classrooms and recreation areas. Regular cleaning will take place throughout the day and any shared areas will be thoroughly cleaned before they are used by another Bubble.

Social distancing will still need to be observed in the Autumn term as will good hand hygiene. Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in your family are displaying Corona Virus symptoms. We will work with students to ensure that they have strategies and lifelines to support them during this time but will not accept students in school who are deliberately putting others in danger.

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Our website will be continually updated as new information becomes available. Free School Meal vouchers have been ordered and will be distributed on the 27th July. Over the summer holiday we will be providing lessons and well-being zoom calls.

The students last day in school will be the 15th July, with remote learning and well-being calls being made until the 17th July. Parent consultation phone or zoom appointments will be made for September with students returning to school on the 8th September.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

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