

26th June 2020

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

We hope all pupils and families remain well. Many of you will have seen the updates we have released over the last two weeks around Year 10 and Year 12 attendance in school as we successfully reopened for some teaching to begin with those who have examinations next year.

An update on reopening for Year 10 and Year 12:

Our package has been immensely successful due to the fantastic work from all staff and the support of Year 10 and 12 parents. A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported pupils to return and indeed to Year 10 and 12 pupils themselves who have adapted to our structures magnificently. Not only have face to face lessons begun, over 20 hours of online lessons have been broadcast to Year 12 and we have been delighted to see pupils again after such a long time.

Other year groups:

We understand that for other year groups the continued closure of school is not ideal and we will continue to do everything we can to support pupils to work and learn effectively at home. If for any reason your child is struggling, please ensure you contact school by email as soon as possible so we can provide effective support.

When the 2m distancing rule was relaxed this week, we were hopeful that The Government would update their guidance to allow more pupils to return to school, even if just for a face-to-face meeting. Sadly we have not received authorisation to accept any more than 25% of Year 10 and 12 pupils on site each day.

Please be reassured that as soon as we have authorisation to provide face-to-face support for other year groups, we will put plans into place to do the best we can. Until then, we are grateful of the continued support of parents and the hard work of pupils as home learning continues.

Whilst the situation is disappointing, we must act in line with Government guidance, which is informed by the latest Scientific assessment on the reopening of schools safely.

Free School Meals Vouchers:

Regarding the Summer holidays, we are pleased to confirm that all parents whose children receive Free School Meals will be provided with a voucher to cover the full 6 week break. We will shortly be placing an order for these from Edenred and vouchers should be with you by the end of term.

Re-opening in September:

At present, The Government have announced their intention for all schools to open as normal for full attendance of all pupils in September. We hope that this will go ahead and as we prepare, we will write to you with a detailed overview of the process and expectations for the start of the Autumn Term.

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There are also some updates to systems in school we are keen to provide share and these will also be outlined before the end of term.

In the final weeks of this term, it remains important for pupils to continue working on the home-learning package available on the website.

We look forward to sharing our updates for September with you over the coming weeks, as well as some exciting Pupil Pledge Challenges for pupils to try over the Summer break.

Thank you for your continued support and kind messages of thanks that so many parents have sent by email.

Yours sincerely

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