



Thursday 20 August 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope you all continue to be well and are enjoying a relaxing and peaceful summer. I want to begin by congratulating all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students on their examination results and to thank all of you as parents and carers for your support and patience in what has been an unprecedented and anxious few weeks for everyone involved. We are looking forward to seeing your children in September for a full return to school.

In my previous letter on 24th July, I explained that we would provide an update to you in August about our preparations for return in September. During the summer we have remained exceptionally busy, reviewing our plans in line with the very latest government guidance and liaising with external agencies to ensure that we are maximising the safety of children in our care.

The most recent advice we have sought from Public Health England and the Highways Agency has been enormously helpful, and, because of this, we have adapted our opening plans accordingly in a few areas, whilst most remain unchanged.

Please find below our Recovery and Rebuild document for September onwards and we have highlighted some key headlines from the document for easy reference.

Arrival and Leaving:

The latest advice we have received from Public Health England, the Highways Agency and Nottinghamshire County Council is that the risk from the greater pupil use of traffic crossings now outweighs the latest evidence of risk from infection from Covid-19 using the bridge with staff supervision. Therefore, we will now be using the bridge in a highly controlled way in September. I understand this will be a relief for some parents, but know some of you may worry about students using more areas of the school.

We will be putting extensive measures in place to ensure your child is as safe as possible not only when crossing the bridge, but also in their movement to their taught zone once on lower/upper site. This will include a one way system for the use of the bridge and 'outdoor corridors' so students can walk to their zone with minimal contact with other year group bubbles.

Please see attached document for timings of when students can use the bridge to avoid large clusters of students simultaneously waiting to cross the bridge. It is crucial that all students support this to maintain the highest levels of safety. Please reiterate this message with your child at home. As per our original plans we will be sending you links to resources on road safety should you wish for your child to not use the bridge.

Arrival Times:

A reminder that the students arrival times are staggered for the **first day of term only**. After this, student arrival times for the school day revert to those outlined in the attached document.

Arrival times for Thursday 3rd September ONLY:

Year 7: 8:30am
Year 8: 10:00am
Year 9: 10:00am
Year 10: 10:00am
Year 11: 8:30am
Year 12: 9:30am
Year 13: 10:30am
Prime Group: 10:00am

First day back for Year 8 - 13:

Please ensure your child knows which room to go to on their arrival to school on their first day back. Details can be found on the school website.

Face Masks:

The guidance from the government and Public Health England continues to be the same – they do not recommend the use of face coverings in schools. We are continuing to follow this guidance in that ‘they are not required as students and staff are mixing in consistent groups and misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission’.

If your child has been given medical advice that they should wear a face mask in school please provide us with this information, which can be an email or letter from the medical specialist who is caring for your child which shares their recommendation and we will adhere to support this in school and will be in touch with you individually.

For all other students we will continue to follow the proposal outlined in the attached document. We will continue to monitor the latest Public Health England guidance and will inform you of any changes that means we need to adapt our approach as an academy.

If you have any further queries regarding any aspect of our Recovery and Rebuild document please contact us at the school. Please note that until the start of term we are operating on skeleton staff which will impact on our response time.

We look forward to welcoming the students back in September, until then, we wish you all a pleasant end to the summer.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Corbett
Principal