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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government published their guidance documents yesterday regarding the plans for all pupils, in all year groups, to return to school from the beginning of the autumn term. The following is a link to the DfE press release.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-and-colleges-to-reopen-in-full-in-september>

To provide some clarity, I have tried to summarise the key aspects of the guidance below:

- Schools to group students together in year group "bubbles"
- Separate starting, finishing, lunch and break times to avoid contact in school between year groups
- All students are expected to attend
- Test and trace protocols in place to support schools where cases are identified
- School to reinforce hygiene protocols, but masks not expected for pupils or staff
- Those with symptoms told to remain at home
- No large group events like school assemblies
- Discouraging the use of public transport where possible
- All students will be expected to continue with all their GCSEs and A-levels

I am sure you will appreciate the complexity of making this work in terms of a timetable and curriculum across two sites. However, we have already drafted a structure that we believe will address the priorities highlighted in the guidance document, whilst supporting a return to school for all students from Monday September 7th 2020.

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I will confirm the structure next week, but need to be clear that although all students will be back in school every day, we will need to stagger start and finish times to ensure year groups are kept apart. This potentially includes students accessing live lessons from home as part of their timetable, to ensure we can provide complete coverage of their current curriculum. We are also considering an additional learning opportunity at the end of each day for students to access from home, to help catch up on lost learning, as a result of the school closure.

I am aware there are a number of students and families that may be reluctant or anxious about returning to school. This may include students who have themselves been shielding previously / those living in households where someone is clinically vulnerable, or those concerned about the comparatively increased risk from coronavirus, including those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds.

We will be providing further advice and guidance documents for students/parents and carers, as we did in preparation for welcoming back our y10 and y12 students. However, if you would like to speak to us about your particular circumstance and/or concerns please contact the Head of Year / SEND team in the first instance, to discuss how best we can support.

On Monday 13th July we will be hosting our own Virtual Sports Day. The virtual activities will incorporate adapted athletic and fitness events, which require little or no equipment and can be completed both indoors and outdoors. The PE team have selected 10 events covering a range of fitness components and students need to pick and complete any 7 to make their personalised heptathlon.

Further details of the events and how students can contribute to their teams overall score will be shared via a video, on our firefly app next week.

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I can confirm the last day students will be expected to complete work / access their remote learning timetable is Friday 17th July, 2020. First day back for students is Monday 7th September 2020. We have also provisionally scheduled the following dates in the calendar for the first half of the autumn term;

- 6th form parents and carers consultation: Thursday October 15th 2020
- Y11 parents and carers consultation: Thursday 24th September 2020
- Y10 parents and carers consultation: Thursday 17th September 2020
- Y9 Parents and carers consultation: Thursday 26th November 2020

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- Y8 parents and carers – meet the tutor evening: Thursday 12th November 2020
- Y7 parents and carers – meet the tutor evening: Thursday 22nd October 2020

Live learning timetable

The schedule of timetabled live lessons is highlighted below and this week includes the transition events organised by Mr Frimpon for year 8.

Monday 6th			
P1	Y9/10 Spanish	Y9 Chinese	
Lfl	8H Virtual transition tour		
P2	9P1/P2 English	Y7 History	
P3	9H2/P4 Science		
Tuesday 7th			
P1	Y8 Spanish	8HP3/4 Science	
Lfl	8O Virtual transition tour		
P2	9P/9H/MA3 Maths	Y9 French	
P3	Y8 English		
Wednesday 8th			
P1			
Lfl	8V Virtual transition tour		
P2	7H2/7H3/7P2 English	10H/P En1 English	Y9 History
P3	Y10 German		

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Thursday 9th			
P1	Y7 Geography		
Lfl	8E Virtual transition tour		
P2	Y8 Spanish	Y8 German	Y8 Chinese
P3	Y10 Italian		
Friday 10th			
P1	8H/Ma1 & 8P/Ma1 Maths	9E/9F Music	
Lfl	8P Virtual transition tour		
P2	Y7 Wlg1/Alg2/Wlg2/Ylg1 Spanish	Y9 German	
P3	Y7 German	9H En1/En2 English	

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts, Head teacher

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