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27th August 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

# Update on arrangements – September 2021

As Mr King is about to leave us, I thought it might be helpful if I give you some information regarding September. We are aiming to return to as much normality as possible, however we will take caution where necessary following the Government Guidance regarding Covid19.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school for the new academic year on Thurs 2nd September (KS4 Pupils from Mon 6th Sept). With no significant changes in National Guidance over the summer break we are now able to confirm arrangements for the start of the new term. Whilst we want to reassure parents that staff and students safety remain our number one priority we are pleased that this academic year will commence with the gradual easing of some school restrictions that were in place last year.

**School Day & Transport**

The official school start time is 8.50am and the school finish time is 3.25pm. Due to the uncertainty of the current situation there will be some flexibility with arrival and departure times.

The transport for the morning arrival will remain as they did in Summer Term – arriving at school between 8-45am and 9am. We ask that Parents bringing in their own child arrive from 9am. This gives time for the buses to leave the site, creating more space for you to bring your child safely onto the site.

In the afternoon we ask parents to collect our youngest children (Classes 1S, 1N, 1T, 1G, 1A) from 3pm. For new pupils this will commence once their initial integration period has finished. This will allow us to complete split days already agreed with parents.

Please do not park in the bus bays as the buses will be arriving from 3.05pm ready to pick up the other pupils from 3.15pm. Parents picking up our older pupils (Key Stage 2 – Key Stage 4) should start arriving from 3.25pm.

Over the holiday I have had a ‘catch-up’ on-line meeting with transport colleagues. As far as I am aware the list and contracts have been organised and are ready. If your child is on transport from Sept, you should have been contacted by them with the arrangements.

**Curriculum**

We have been working hard to ensure our children are supported when they return in September. We will continue to offer our full curriculum. Pupils will be able to move around the school to access specialist facilities and rooms.

**Masks**

At present government guidance does not advise the wearing of face coverings in school. As you will have observed, many people continue to choose to wear a mask on public transport and in busy public areas such as supermarkets. Whilst it will not be the expectation that staff and students continue to wear a face covering in school, unless working in close proximity, we will continue to support anyone in our school who chooses to wear a mask. Guidance does suggest that secondary aged pupils would be advised to wear a mask on transport to and from school. Please send them with a mask and be advised by the escorts. We will be requesting that all external visitors to our school wear a face mask.

**Testing**

Please may we remind all parents/carers of our secondary aged pupils that Lateral Flow Testing will need to recommence on Sunday 29th August, twice weekly, until further notice.

**Bubbles**

Pupils will be taught within their class for most of the school day as normal. Pupils will be able to use specialist classrooms and facilities in school more freely. We will be continuing with the break time arrangements as we did in the Summer Term. Lower (KS1&2) and Upper school (KS3&4) will continue to have split break times. We hope to gradually integrate pupils back onto the yards together, once we are satisfied that we can do this safely, using the spaces we have. At this stage we intend to continue with lunches in classrooms. We hope to be able to expand this back to our usual lunch times in the school hall once we are satisfied that we can accommodate all safely.

**Uniform**

The wearing of full school uniform daily will resume from the start of the academic year. Last year, we allowed PE kit to be worn to school on the days that your child had a PE lesson. This will continue for now. We appreciate your support with this and if there are any issues in purchasing school-wear, please contact your child’s class teacher as a first point of contact.

If you have any concerns with these arrangements then please contact school.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne Mullineux

Deputy Headteacher