

9/6/2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Firstly, I hope you are all well and have remained safe during these difficult times. We have been grateful for the support you have offered the school during our period of closure.

I am writing today as promised to update you with regard to our plans for re-opening. I am delighted to let you know that we are now in a position where we can offer some face-to-face sessions for students in year 6 and 8 from **Monday 15th June on a reduced timetable of 10am -2pm.** However, I am sure you will understand that we do so with caution and our priority remains the health and safety of all students and staff.

Please read carefully:

The Pastoral Team has called year 6 and 8 pupils, in order to ascertain how many students are likely to be accepting our face-to-face offer until the end of the summer term. This will be for five days a week and it is not an option to only attend for some of the days and normal daily registers will be taken and submitted to DfE as requested. Students will only be permitted to enter the building at their allocated time.

- Students will have their temperature taken prior to entry.
- Students must queue outside the school on the lines provided prior to entry.
- Students must follow the social distancing markers within school.
- Students will not be allowed to go to the main office to see Rocco. He will be coming into classrooms at some point during the day. Student must wash their hands before and after playing with him.
- Students will be in a class with a maximum of four pupils and will remain with the same students and staff for the time that they are in school. They will not mix with other students and staff from other classrooms. Social distancing will be adhered to at all times.
- Students must wear school uniform.
- Students must not bring in any other belongings, as lockers are unavailable.
- If students bring a packed lunch, and use a lunch box, it should be in a plastic box that is wipeable and that the student is able to open himself or herself. Please do not bring in material packed lunch boxes or bags. These are not allowed into school.
- All students will be given a whiteboard and a set of resources that they will not be allowed to share with others.
- All Students must use the same desk for every session. They must wipe this desk upon entry to, and exit from, the classroom.

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- Students will not be able to wander around the classroom freely; they will remain in their given seat in line with social distancing.
- Students will be offered a cooked meal at 12pm and this will be provided on a disposable plate.

The government have stated, at this time, that no parent will be penalised if they choose to continue to educate their child at home. As some of our staff are categorised as vulnerable, we do not have full availability for the front line.

It is very important that all parents and students understand that school will not be operating as you remember it. We are having to adapt to a new normal. It is crucial you read the new operational conditions above and agree to abide by them. Any student failing to comply will be immediately removed from site and returned to remote learning.

It is with regret that I need to inform you that all other students in **KS2 and 3 (years 4/5/7)** will continue with remote learning until the end of the summer term. We await further government guidance regarding arrangements for September. We will continue to place resources and work for completion on Class Dojo.

We appreciate this is not ideal but we know parents/carers share our desire to keep everyone safe and healthy at this difficult time. For the same reason we will not be permitting any parents, carers, external visitors, or meetings on our site when we re-open.

From Monday 15th June 2020 the school main office will reopen during office hours. If you need to contact us outside of office hours, please use the numbers provided on the website.

Welfare calls will continue for all students and we have appreciated your engagement with these. Please do raise any concerns regarding the arrangements detailed in this letter with your staff member when they next call you. They will be happy to answer any questions.

We are very grateful for your continued support.

Very Best wishes,

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