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19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have again increase the number of pupils accessing some time in school and will continue to review our capacity to welcome further pupils into school. Next week, on the upper site, we will be welcoming some pupils from Year 7 and Year 10 into school as part of our careful phased increase. We hope to bring in some pupils from Year 8 classes over the next two weeks. On the lower site, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 10, and most Year 6 pupils have been offered places. Over the next couple of weeks, we aim to extend our offer to other year groups. We will contact parents on an individual basis when a place becomes available for your child.

Although the Covid-19 situation continues to improve, it is still important for everyone to continue to follow the measures in place to keep the school and wider community safe. Thank you for continuing to support your child to follow these measures. A reminder of the key measures in place are below.

**Measures in place to keep the whole school community safe:**

- Social distancing yourself from others by a minimum of 2 metres, wherever possible
- Good hygiene, including washing your hands thoroughly and regularly and catching sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve
- Wash your hands before lunch
- Follow one way systems in school
- Use appropriate entrances and corridors to access classrooms
- Do not come into school if you are displaying symptoms

Remember that by being careful and following these measures you are not only keeping yourself safe, but also your friends and family.

## **End of Summer Term**

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we have not been able to celebrate with our leavers or welcome into school our new pupils for September. We feel that, despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, it is still vital that we are able to do this. To enable this, we are making changes to the last two days of the summer term.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, we will be inviting our new pupils for September into school with their families which will supplement the work we have been doing with these pupils remotely. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020, we would like to invite our leavers and their families into school for a leaving event. To manage these events safely, the school will not be offering any in school provision for any other pupils on these days. This will enable us to keep the number of people in school to a minimum and reduce the risk of people mixing. This will also mean that following the events, pupils will not return until after the summer holiday when the school will have been fully deep cleaned.

I hope you understand the importance of these events for both our leavers and our new starters, and the need to run the events on days where pupils are not in school in keeping the whole school community safe.

## **Training Day**

Please be reminded that on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, the school will be closed to all pupils for a staff training day.

## **Laptops**

All school laptops we can distribute from our own stock have been distributed. These have gone to a mixture of staff (to enable them to undertake home working) and pupils. Unfortunately, we have been unable to meet all requests from both staff and pupils. We also need to maintain a stock of devices in school to enable pupils and staff in school to access a device.

More devices have been ordered but have not arrived yet. Additionally, we have applied for laptops through the government scheme. We have successfully been allocated devices for our most vulnerable pupils. Allocation of devices is decided by the local authority, not the school. These devices have not yet arrived at school

We will of course update you as soon as we have any more news about devices.

## **Reports**

End of year reports will start to be released over the next four weeks, beginning with Year 11 pupils. With the Year 11 pupil reports will be an invitation to attend a special leaver's event and details about results day. This will be emailed to you but if you would like to request a paper version then please let us know. We hope that you will enjoy reading about your child's progress and achievements.

## Ofsted

Please be aware that letters were sent to parents yesterday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, with details of meetings which will be taking place next week to share the outcome of the inspection and how this may affect the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support in keeping in contact with your child. This is hugely beneficial in helping pupils to reintegrate back into school.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rose', written in a cursive style.

Mark Rose  
Executive Principal