



1st September 2020

Re: returning to school for the new academic year

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you are all well and fully rested after a very different kind of summer break?

We've been busy over the summer preparing for full re-opening from next week. It is exciting for everyone to be returning to full time education but it's vitally important that we prioritise the safety and well-being of everyone concerned. Preparing for next week has been a delicate balancing act. Any lifting of restrictions brings risk and we've worked hard to minimise those risks and make the school as safe as it can be. We also need to be conscious of the impact that a lack of education can have on the development and mental health of our young people.

I appreciate that many of you will have questions about how we've made the school Covid-secure. Hopefully this letter, along with the reopening guide and other documents available on our website, will answer these questions. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions about school reopening.

We've also put together a brief video (can be found on the homepage of our website) which complements the guidance and gives a flavour of how we've planned for reopening. The full detail is in the re-opening document.

We are confident that, once the students have come to terms with some new systems and routines, we can prioritise learning and progress within a positive and safe learning environment.

Finally, although further details and timings are available in the reopening plan, just a reminder of the first day back for students:

Year 7: Wednesday 9th September for Transition Day and then from Monday 14th September

Years 8 and 9: Thursday 10th September for Induction and then from Monday 14th September

Years 10 and 11: Friday 11th September

Year 12: From Wednesday 9th September for enrolment / Friday 11th September for Induction

Year 13: Tuesday 8th September for Induction

Thank-you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Will Carr, Headteacher.

PS – We have recently been made aware of an issue regarding PE kit for our female students. Whittakers, our uniform supplier, have supplied polo shirts without the traditional panels on the side. Please be reassured that these polo shirts will be allowed for PE lessons this year.

