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Dear Parent / Carer

This is the final letter of the academic year and there are several key pieces of information I would like to share with you. Perhaps the most important is an outline of the arrangements for September. Later in this letter, I have provided an outline of our arrangements for full re-opening. More detailed information, including video walkthroughs explaining the arrangements, will be shared in late August in readiness for the start of term.

This term, of course, has been like no other and I would like to send my sincere thanks to all our families for supporting pupils from the school with their studies. Along with our highly effective delivery of remote learning, parents have been integral in supporting and encouraging our pupils in their studies.

After four months of being continuously open (apart from weekends) for key workers' children and, of late, Year 10 pupils, the school will be closing at 12.35 pm on Friday 17th July for the summer break.

GCSE Results

A separate letter to Year 11 parents and pupils explains the process for the distribution of GCSE results on Thursday August 20th.

Year 11

We wish our Year 11 pupils the very best, not only for their results, but also for their next steps. They have had a particularly challenging time this year, but we are confident that they will flourish in whatever next chapter of education or training they have chosen.

Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff this summer. Following more than twenty years of service to the school we are saying goodbye to our Office Manager, Mrs Fenton. We thank her for her contribution to our community and wish her well in her retirement. Likewise, we wish Mrs Daire a long and happy retirement as she leaves her role in maths at the end of a distinguished career. Additionally, we say goodbye to Mrs Whittle who has been a valued member of the Performing Arts Department. I know that all her colleagues, especially those who work alongside her each year on our school performance, will miss her enormously. Mr White will be leaving his role as a Cover Supervisor to begin teacher training. Our loss will very quickly become the teaching profession's gain. Finally, we give our best wishes to Mrs Lewis who is leaving her admin role to take up a promotion with Edgehill College. We thank her for being the welcoming face of All Hallows at our reception window for the past few years.

Arrangements for September

The arrangements outlined below are dependent upon any further guidance which may be issued by the government at its next scheduled review on 11th August. We will, of course, issue more detailed information in the last week of August - this is an outline intended to reassure parents and carers that detailed planning has taken place and meticulous preparations are underway to ensure the safety of all members of our community from September onwards.

Start of term: Pupils will return to school on a staggered start. This is to facilitate the careful induction of pupils to the environment and procedures in place to support their learning:

Thursday 3rd September: **Years 7, 10 and 11 only**

Friday 4th September: **All year groups**

Transport to and from school: Parents are reminded that government advice is to avoid public transport wherever possible. We understand that this will be impossible for some pupils and will take all possible steps to ensure that the risk of transmission of the virus is minimised by pupils being instructed to try to sit in year groups and wearing masks on buses in line with government regulations. School is liaising with transport providers to provide information which we hope will enable them to make sufficient safe provision. Any enquiries regarding transport services should be made direct to the providers themselves. If parents plan to drop off and collect pupils in private vehicles, we ask that you arrange collection and drop-off at a place in the vicinity of school, rather in the streets immediately adjacent to the site. This should ease congestion and reduce potential for crowding and so help to keep everyone safe.

Movement of pupils around the school site: This will be carefully planned and managed. Public Health Guidelines allow for pupils to mix, without social distancing, in Year Group 'bubbles'. In the light of this, the school will be divided into year group zones. Year groups will have their own entrances and dismissal from school at the end of the day will be staggered slightly to reduce congestion among pupils. The guidance stipulate that, while social distancing is not required for pupils in the same year group, year groups should not mix and so routes around school will be carefully marked out with physical barriers where necessary and each year group 'bubble' will have sole use of a dining space at their allotted time, to indoor and outdoor recreation spaces and to their own toilet facilities. Members of staff are required to maintain a 2- metre social distance from pupils (except in emergencies) and so classrooms and staffing rotas have been organised to ensure this is the case. At the current time, there is no requirement for masks to be worn by pupils or staff in school.

Structures for teaching and learning: Some changes to our curriculum plan will be necessary for us to comply with Department for Education guidance. Within zones, movement of classes will be limited wherever possible. In Year 7 this will be achieved through pupils being taught in mixed prior attainment groups, with pupils static and teachers moving to classrooms. In KS4, pupils will be taught in ability groups / sets with limited movement to allow access to some specialist teaching rooms. Year 8 and 9 pupils will also predominantly remain static and will be taught in linear ability groups. Parents should understand that some areas of the curriculum will be subject to change due to restrictions around certain activities. For example, limited movement will reduce access to specialist rooms, and singing and some contact sports are prohibited. Similarly, changing rooms cannot be used.

Online learning: It is likely that some elements of the curriculum may still be delivered remotely even though pupils are on the school site. This may also be the case for some of our **SEND support**, due to the 2-metre social distancing restriction on pupil and teacher interaction.

Uniform, behaviour and attendance: Many things will remain the same, however! We will have the same high expectations regarding attendance, behaviour and uniform and our usual system of rewards and sanctions will still apply, albeit with some modifications to the models for its implementation (please see our amended Behaviour and Safeguarding policies – which will be available on the school website towards the end of August). We will maintain all our current protocols for good respiratory and hand hygiene. Our detailed risk assessment is currently being updated in the light of our reopening procedures. This is available to parents on request.

As you would expect, it is important that parents do not send their children in to school if they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms. We will need you to inform us immediately if your child tests positive for the virus. If your child falls into a shielding category, please contact his or her Learning Manager to discuss any arrangements. Individual risk assessments can be arranged where this is felt by parents

and the school to be necessary. Should you wish to read any of the guidance relating to symptoms, or vulnerable categories, please consult the Gov.uk website.

Thank you for taking the time to read what is necessarily a very long letter. I hope that you feel reassured about our full re-opening in September. I am confident that we will be able to provide our usual high quality of education in a safe and secure environment and I know that all of the teachers and support staff are excited to welcome all of our young people back to school. In the meantime, have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Finally, thank you for all your continued support and feedback and have a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely



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