



Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter of the Friday 10th July I wanted to write and update you further with details of the start of term for your daughter. Although this is the plan we have in place today we are expecting further Government advice in the middle of August so please do be aware that this could all change again. If it does we will update our website and be in touch.

School will start on **Monday 7th September 2020** for Years **8,9,10 and 11** as follows with different entrances and staggered start times as previously said. Students must arrive in full school uniform with all their personal equipment as they are not permitted to share equipment.

Year	Gate	Start time	End time
8	Main double gates on Lake Road	8.40	3.00
9	Main double gates on Lake Road	8.55	3.15
10	Small gate on Lake Road	8.40	3.00
11	Small gates on Lake Road	8.55	3.15

All year groups will remain in their year group bubble all day including break and lunchtime in allocated spaces. Unless students need to move to a specialist teaching room they will largely stay in one room, or area of the school, each day for lessons and staff will move between year group bubbles to teach their class. As previously stated students must bring a packed lunch and any snacks and drinks they need for the day as the canteen will not be open until further notice. As the fountains are switched off students must bring their own drinking water. Any student in receipt of a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch each day. On a day when your child has PE or Dance on their timetable they are to arrive in school in the required kit as the changing rooms are currently closed. On these days students are permitted to wear their sports trainers. We also advise that your child has a good outdoor coat in case of bad weather.

In line with Government guidance you must not attend school without a booked appointment so if you have a query please contact the school office via telephone or email so we can make any relevant arrangements.





Once again I need to ask that if your child can walk or cycle to school this is preferred to reduce travelling on public transport and to ease congestion. **I have been notified today that Merton has been successful in its bid to the School Street Scheme. This scheme is designed to make the streets safer around schools by restricting traffic on roads during school start and finish times. I am advised that it is likely that Lake Road will be CLOSED to traffic during term time from 8.15-9.15 and 2.45 - 4pm from next term onwards. The scheme will be monitored by CCTV with contraventions resulting in PCN fines. When I have further confirmation I will pass it on.**

Please remember that students **MUST** not attend school if they have any of the 3 Coronavirus symptoms ( a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell called anosmia) and you must then arrange a Coronavirus test passing on the outcome of that test to the school in case any action is needed to safeguard the school community. Should your child become unwell with symptoms whilst at school we have the necessary procedures in place to support them but you must attend school quickly to take them home. If any of your household tests positive for the Coronavirus your child must remain at home as advised by the NHS or your GP.

In addition to our usual equipment list we would like all students to bring their own supply of tissues and hand sanitizer along with a pair of headphones that can be plugged into a computer if required.

Please note that our info@ricardslodge email address will be switched off tomorrow and the office will be closed until Wednesday 2nd September and re-open at normal office hours.

Finally I have been asked to remind you that attendance at school in September is compulsory for all students.

As we prepare to break up for the summer can I once again thank you for all that you have done since we closed for the majority of students way back in March. We are looking forward to welcoming the whole school and its staff back in September and in time no doubt we will be able to meet again in person. I hope that you have enjoyed our end of term events including the Year 13 Art and Photography exhibition last night and that you enjoy Celebration evening later on today. Please where you are able to relax and enjoy the summer. As I always say at my last Assembly.....School's Out For Summer!

Yours faithfully



Mrs Jerrard  
Headteacher