

Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter posted on our website on Friday 10th July I wanted to write and update you further with details of the start of term for Year 7.

We made the decision to delay the start of term for the majority of the school so that Year 7 could have 2 days on site to support their transition and familiarise themselves with the school and our revised operating model as quickly as they can before other year groups arrive on Monday 7th September.

In this case Year 7 are to arrive at school at **8.30 am** on **Thursday 3rd September** in full school uniform and use our entrance on Lake Road through the double gates. On entry to school staff will then organise the students into their mixed ability transition groups which they will remain in for teaching until the assessments we have planned have been completed, School will **finish** for Year 7 at **2.45pm** each day until further notice in order that we can stagger exits for all year groups. Year 7 should then arrive at **8.30am** on **Friday 4th September** for a full teaching day until they finish at 2.45pm. On Monday 7th September and until further notice Year 7 will start the day at 8.30 am and finish at 2.45pm.

Year 7 will remain in their year group bubble all day including break and lunchtime in allocated spaces. Unless they need to move to a specialist teaching room 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. We 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. Your daughter **MUST** not attend school if she has 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 daughter become unwell with symptoms whilst at school we have the necessary procedures in place to support her but you must attend school quickly to take her 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.



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

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to school in September and take this opportunity to thank you for all you will have done to support her as she prepares for the next exciting stage of her journey. Thank you for placing your trust in us.

Please note that we are expecting further updated guidance from the Government in the middle of August so we urge you to keep an eye on the school website in case our arrangements have to change at short notice.

Enclosed is a poster with some further information and to help students to remember what to bring with them in September. In addition to our original 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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Jerrard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs Jerrard  
Headteacher