

Dear parents/carers,

As you are likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They have decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we are planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th September at 8.50 to 15.00 and we are working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment.

We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there's a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will be offering remote education to these pupils.

Safety measures

When your children come into school, we will have all the following protective measures in place that are included in the whole school risk assessment attached, this is also published on the website.

Curriculum

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we will still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad curriculum. Our current plan is to return to our normal curriculum in the Autumn term.

Pastoral support

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they are experiencing bereavement. You can get in touch with your child's class teacher to do this.

Our current plans to support your children's wellbeing during this time will include;

general pupil wellbeing through pastoral and extracurricular activities.

We will put specific support in place for pupils who are vulnerable or who have difficulty re-engaging in school.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we've set out above, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community. We'll continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Carli', followed by a period.

Rachel Carli