

Dear parent/carer,

With the end of this academic year drawing to a close, the school and academy trust would like to thank the community for the hard work, support and incredible resilience shown over the last few months. The situation we have all found ourselves in, has been difficult for everyone and one, that is indeed, unprecedented. The school and academy trust have been working on arrangements for September, when we hope to welcome everyone back into school. Below are some key actions that will support your child returning to school,

Opening

The planned training day(s) for staff has/have now been postponed in order to facilitate an earlier start to the school year. As a result, the autumn term start date will now be Monday 7th September.

For the school to follow the government guidance on safety we will be staggering our start, end and lunch times which we have outlined in detail on dojo and also on our website.

The school has compiled a comprehensive risk assessment for reopening that is available through our school website, paper copies are available on request.

All schools within the trust will follow the same protocol should a suspected or confirmed case of Covid become apparent. These procedures will be followed by all schools within the trust and has been compiled following advice from the relevant health services, local authority and government guidance.

Attendance

In line with government advice we will be expecting all pupils to return to school on Monday 7th September, except for some Reception pupils who will have a staggered start. The school will follow up nonattendance following our usual policy.

The Curriculum

All schools within the academy trust have been supported with a series of “catch up” programmes designed by a team of Specialist Leaders of Education. These programmes will ensure that all pupils will have the opportunity to address any gaps in learning that may have been missed during the lockdown. Schools will be using these early in the Autumn term combined with the broad range of the national curriculum content linked to their year group.

The school will be suspending large gatherings in the hall such as assemblies and concerts for the foreseeable future. PE lessons will focus on “non-contact” activities and be delivered outside where possible.

Whilst we continue to value our partnership with parents, under the current circumstance’s parents will only be allowed into school on an appointment basis in order to safeguard the community. Contact with schools may continue through email, telephone and appointments.

The academy trust is currently developing an online learning platform which can be utilised should the school need to temporarily close the school for any year groups for short periods of time.

A paper copy of some of the information on dojo is contained in your child’s report and all the information will also be on the school website.