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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and goodwill at this especially challenging time in education. It has been a real boost to our staff to get kind messages of encouragement during what has been a stressful time for the whole community.

As you know in order to open the school safely and ensure we met government guidelines we worked hard to develop our timetable and ensure that students were taught in particular “zones” of the school. This has been successful thus far and we thank the students for their understanding in following the rules we have in place. Throughout the new school year, we have made minor changes and adapted some ways of working to try and give students the best possible working environment and keep them safe whilst at school. We originally hoped that this plan would only need to run until October however with COVID cases rising and the government announcing a new lockdown we continued with plan A.

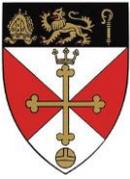
As time has gone on it has become ever more apparent that some students are missing out by not having access to specialist classrooms. Teachers are also finding the situation quite challenging as it is not always easy to deliver some subjects in a “normal” classroom. This is particularly the case for some of our more practical subjects.

We have for some time now been looking at how we can run the school with a more normal timetable and keep students in year group bubbles. This is a model that many schools have already moved to. We have devised a plan that would involve students moving to different classrooms as per their normal timetabled rooms. We have conducted a thorough consultation process with staff and governors which included updated risk assessments, staff protocols and detailed planning.

The plan involves the use of one-way systems around the outside of the school to ensure students are kept apart from other year groups. Students’ tutor rooms will not change, and they will still be in year group areas at break and lunchtime. Students will still be required to thoroughly wipe down equipment, tables and chairs with antibacterial spray and wipes. There will be specific entrances and exits to the various wings of the school.



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We are confident that we can operate the more normalised timetable and keep all students and staff safe by following the current government guidance for schools and colleges. We strongly believe that now is the time to give all students and staff access to the specialist facilities in the school so that we are able to deliver our full curriculum offer within the rich educational environment that we pride ourselves on.

Following the end of national lockdown 2 we are planning for this move to a more 'normalised' timetable to take effect from Monday 7 December.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the school via the Mailin email.

Thank you all once again for your support and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Rupert Moreton
Headteacher

