



18th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus and school reopening

Following the government's announcement that schools will begin to open from June 1st, I am writing to share with you the plans we are considering for our school.

We are aware of the difficulties faced by children and parents during this time of lockdown and we are very grateful for your support in ensuring that your child continues to learn remotely. Around 80% of children continue to submit work every day using our DPR system and I hope that your child is in this majority. A reminder that if you or your child are experiencing difficulty you can call the school for support and we will do our best to help.

From June 1st, we are planning to increase the number of students on site. We expect to accommodate around 40 students in this initial phase. We will be focusing our efforts on those students who require the most support during this time and we will pay particular attention to these students if they are in Year 10. We will begin contacting you soon if we feel this applies to your child. If you feel your child might not fall into this category but requires extra support, please contact me here. If contacted, I hope we can count on your help in ensuring your child arrives safely at school.

A larger number of teachers will be on site at this time to help us supervise and we will have a full catering offer. Teachers will be helping us assess how to keep children safe in their teaching spaces.

We recognise that some of you may have concerns about your child returning to school. We have undertaken a large number of preventive measures to minimise the spread of infection and we have a comprehensive action plan aimed at keeping everyone as safe as possible. Outlined below are some of the measures we have already implemented:

- Hand sanitiser stations positioned throughout the building
- Regular deep cleaning of the school with a focus on high contact areas
- Strict procedures for quarantining staff and students displaying symptoms
- Temperature checks for people entering the building
- Social distancing measures within the school
- Closed down water fountains
- Equipped key staff with PPE as far as possible
- Introduced a strict queuing system in the reception area together with frequent disinfection of this area

We expect more guidance to be issued from the government soon and we will keep you updated. It is likely that the government will require schools to open to more students in the near future though we are not in a position to speculate about what might happen in September.

I will be writing to you again shortly with a parent FAQ when we have finalised our plans. I would welcome your feedback and suggestions directly - please email me here if you have a question or idea that we might consider.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Whelan'.

Charlotte Whelan
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