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Re: School Reopening in September

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to set out the arrangements for the school reopening in September 2020.

On 2nd July, the Department for Education published [guidance for the full reopening of schools](#) in September 2020. The guidance explains that all children should return to school and attendance will be compulsory. Students are required to return on the following dates wearing full school uniform:

Thursday 3rd September: Year 7 and Year 12 Induction

Friday 4th September: Year 7 and Year 12 Induction

Monday 7th September: All students return to school

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September we will stagger the start of the school day so that students do not arrive at the same time. Full details about the start times will be sent later this week. Over the course of these days we will ensure that students are clear about the changes we have made to our school procedures. This is because the Department for Education guidance explains that schools must minimise the number of contacts a child has during the school day. For example, every year group will have a separate playground/social area, each floor has a one-way system and key stage 3 students will be located in a Form Base Room for many of their lessons.

From Wednesday 9th September, all students will arrive at the normal start time of 8:30am. We will maintain the same school day with five one hour lessons, however, we will slightly shorten lunch time so that different year groups will leave school at different times at the end of the day. Please note, the teaching time for every year group will remain the same –students will not lose learning time. Students will also receive a full broad and balanced curriculum – practical subjects such as Drama, Music and Art will continue to be taught in the autumn term.

Also, from September, we have changed the location of some year groups. The new locations will be:

EALING ROAD: Years 7, 8 and 9

STANLEY AVENUE: Years 10 and 11

The Sixth Form will be taught on both sites, with Year 12 mostly taught at Ealing Road and Year 13 at Stanley Avenue.

We are currently producing a parent and student guide to the school procedures in September. We hope to send this out to you later this week. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for all your support with home learning over the past few months as we look forward to a return to school for all students in September.

Yours sincerely,



Gerard McKenna
Headteacher