



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to thank you all so much for the support you have given the school this term. This has been an extremely challenging year and term for us all. It has been a remarkable year and we have worked really hard as a community to keep each other safe, as well as provide the best educational experience possible for our pupils.

I would like to pay tribute to the way that the pupils, parents and staff have coped with the current situation. It is impossible to have imagined us working together in such circumstances – and I am enormously grateful for your understanding and positivity. We have all needed to make significant compromises in terms of the way in which we have functioned and lived our lives. The messages of support and positive feedback that you have given to us have been appreciated more than we can say.

Personally, I am so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the pupils and staff have shown this year despite all the unprecedented challenges, there have been so many. I must not forget to mention how well the pupils have adapted to our wonderful new building that we moved into in November 2020.

The pupils have adapted well to the Covid 19 secure strategies, although the Prime Minister has given the go ahead for all pupils to return to school full time from September, it is clear that Covid-19 is still very much present in our local area. I want to take this opportunity to urge you to ensure that your children continue to follow the basic protocols of increased hand washing, using hand sanitizer regularly and maintaining social distancing wherever possible. Perhaps most importantly of all, if your child begins to display symptoms of Covid-19 please ensure that they have a PCR test.

There will be some new processes in September which will include a new uniform which comprises of a sweatshirt and t-shirt to be worn. All pupils must wear these from September. Pupils can continue to wear blue/grey or black joggers. Leggings can be worn as long as they cannot be seen through. School will ensure that the pupils have clean uniform each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention and thank you to Mr Rowe who is leaving us at the end of the term to move onto pastures new. Mr Rowe joined the school in 2017 as a PE teacher and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his contribution to the school over the years and we wish him the very best in his new school.

GCSE and Vocational Subjects results day is on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Staff will email/post the results from 10am onwards.

This term will end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 as originally planned in our calendar. School will close at 12.30pm. All pupils will be provided with lunch before the school closes.



School will open at 8.45am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. School will be open to staff only on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 for an INSET day. Please can you take a moment to look at our brand new school website. There are important numbers if you or your child need any additional support from a number of external agencies.

Thank you again for all of your incredible support this year. It is a source of great pride to lead such a wonderful and supportive school community. We hope that families, students and staff enjoy a restful summer break and return ready for whatever awaits in September!

Therefore, I would like to wish you all a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to returning in September and a new school year with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Sonia Lockett.