

Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised on Monday, we have now received more guidance from the Department of Education regarding reopening. You may have read about this or seen it on the news already. I have included the link to the full document published by the DfE below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We are all so excited about the prospect of welcoming all of your children back. We have been working on plans to ensure that all children can return in September and I will share these with you over next week. It is obvious that we will have to make real changes to our timetable, start and end times and some of our curriculum delivery, but it will be brilliant to have all of our children back in school where they belong.

End of term

We will finish setting work on TEAMS for all students on Friday 17th July. We will be open on Monday 20th July for Keyworker and vulnerable children only. We will not be open from Tuesday 21st July and over the summer holidays for any form of school provision.

'Live Q and A' sessions

Following the success of the recent 'live Q and A' sessions with each year group, we will be holding two more events before the end of term. This will be an opportunity for your child to log on to the Teams chat and ask me any questions they may have about returning to school. They do not need to stay online for the whole time and are free to leave the chat once their question has been answer.

All they need to do is click 'accept' on the calendar invite that will be sent to their email address and then 'join' the meeting on the day. If all students can mute their microphones, it will avoid feedback and they will be able to ask questions in the 'chat' function.

Times/days are as follows for the 'live' events:

Monday 6th July at 11:00 – 11:45

Monday 13th July at 11:30 – 12:15 (please note this has been altered from the original date of Tuesday 14th)

MCAS

This is a reminder to all parents and carers to sign up to MCAS if not already done so. Below is a link to the joining instructions:

https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/MCAS_Sign_Up_2.pdf

MCAS allows parents and carers to update their personal contact details online ensuring we have the correct contact details. Please can all parents and carers check their contact details on MCAS and ensure this information is up to date.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please contact myself or your child's head of year.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Howard
Head of School