

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

Firstly, thank you for all your continued support during this very difficult time. Staff have really appreciated the lovely emails that you have sent them thanking them for their hard work.

I am amazed at the continued resilience that the pupils have shown in coping with the huge changes that have occurred in the last months. Although I know it will have been difficult at times, their engagement with their learning has been very positive.

You will, no doubt, be aware that it is very unlikely that we will have year 7, 8 or 9 back in school before September. We will be continuing with our online provision through Google Classrooms. We are not intending to further change the pupil's timetables until we have had time to review staff and parent views via the Edurio survey, detailed below.

I know that many of you are concerned about your children falling behind in their studies, but please let me assure you that the teachers and their departments are taking great care to plan how we manage this when we eventually come back to school.

On the school website in the Student Zone, there are a number of wellbeing activities that pupils can take part in. These include reading, Technology, Art, PE and the Performing Arts. These are voluntary activities, but it has been great to see so many of the pupils taking part in them.

We are expecting another important announcement about education on 28th May. We will keep you updated of any ways that this affects your son's or daughter's education.

Despite the relaxing of lockdown rules we strongly urge you to adhere to the Government guidance around social distancing which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

In the next few days you will also receive a link to a parent survey. This is being run for us by a company called Edurio. We would really value your input as it will help us plan a way forward in the future. This survey is going out to all of the Trust schools - the last 3 questions are specifically for the primary parents so please do not answer them.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and safe half term.

We all look forward to seeing the pupils soon.

Have a safe and peaceful half term.



Stephen Carey
Executive Headteacher



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Head of Secondary School