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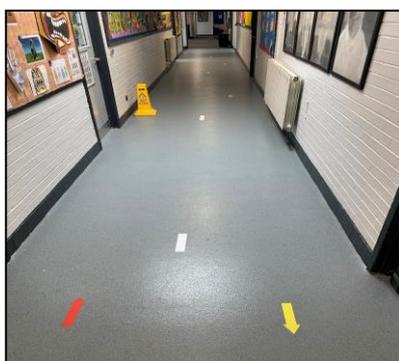
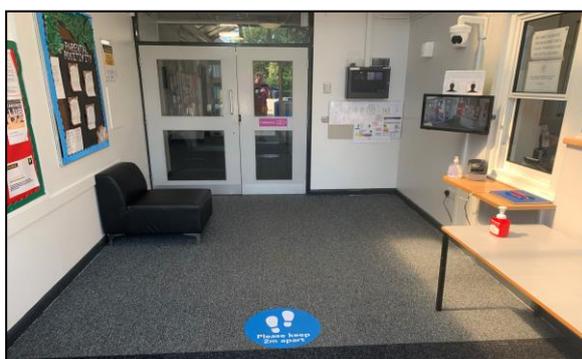
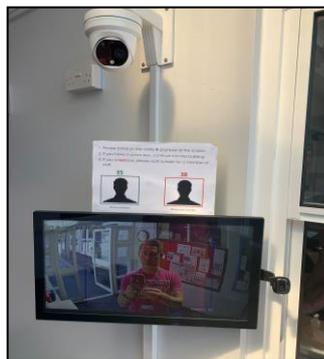
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### RE: School Provision for Summer holidays and September 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will have seen the announcements from Gavin Williamson (*Education Secretary of state*) for schools to return in September 2020. Last night, Boris Johnson indicated moving towards a 1 metre plus social distancing ruling. We welcome the announcement to get students back to a more normal curriculum as quickly as possible.

At present, we have Keyworker, Vulnerable and Priority Group provision operating within the school. The class sizes are no more than **6 students** (+ Staff) and this along with other control measures is to ensure safety and lower risk whilst maintain the current 2m social distancing. Our risk assessments have been published on the COVID 19 section of the school website. This model only allows the school to have a maximum of **33%** of its student population in the building at one time with the square footage and size of our classrooms.



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For September 2020, moving to a model of 1 metre plus social distancing, this only allows our classrooms to have **8 students per class** (+ staff). This would only allow the school to have **50% of the student population** in the building at one time with all staff working fulltime. This has been approved by the Interim Executive Board.

At present, no guidance to give sufficient detail or support schools on this has been released from central government. We have been told this is likely to be two weeks. The school has been making plans for all students to return in September 2020, but this will need to be a blend of face to face teaching in school, Zoom streamed lessons and work set on Purple Mash. We do appreciate this is challenging for some families and will be offering more support with parents to establish this across more families. We will communicate more details in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July, to allow for any key changes by Government to be embedded within our plans.

### Summer Holidays

The school will be **closed for all provision** during the summer holiday based on the following essential works.

- 1) Phase 2 – Asbestos removal within Main School as indicated in AMP.
- 2) Window / curtain wall replacements in several classrooms in main school.
- 3) Construction of an Outdoor Classroom / shelter.
- 4) Construction of Student / Parents Shelter at front entrance.
- 5) Refurbishment of Sixth Form block
- 6) Improve parking and safety in main school carpark (Overflow and loop system)

### Return in September 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 - Staff Training / Preparation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - New Year 7 Transition / Base line assessments
- Week of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020- All students to return to school (More detail on specific days TBC)



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This is still a fluid and dynamic situation with COVID 19 and we will continue to monitor the situation both locally and nationally over the next few weeks and summer holiday period.

The school's communication method is transferring to WEDUC, rather than paper based, which means we will be able to communicate quicker, in a more bespoke manner and faster with the communities we serve. The app will allow notifications to your phone. <https://app.weduc.co.uk/main/index/index>

Finally, we want to reassure families that our home learning expectation is do; what you can! Wellbeing is the most important factor and we appreciate this has been peculiarly hard. Many of our staff are parents too and also face challenges with their own children. You are not alone.

Please use the weekly phone calls or zoom call to discuss any concerns, solutions with your teachers.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Wilson', written over a thin blue horizontal line.

**Chris Wilson**  
***Interim Head teacher with executive powers***



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