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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As I have said in all my communication, this has been a unique time for us all.

In this letter there is information for the start of the new school year including some of the measures we are taking and the way in which we intend to start the new term.

It has been my intention throughout the last three months that as a school we keep everyone who is part of the Wennington Hall School Community as safe as we possibly can pupils, staff and all our families. This has inevitably made things challenging but I know that staff have worked hard to ensure that all the support possible is made available and I hope that this has been your experience.

I also appreciate the way in which you have all supported each other and the school throughout this time.

We have over the last week, been working hard to make arrangements for the return of pupils in September in a way which maintains the core principle of keeping everyone as safe as we can.

The guidance that we are working with has a number of key principles which are as follows:

- The intention is that all pupils in all year groups will return to school full time.
- Schools are expected to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day.
- The school will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum meeting the needs of all pupils.

Public Health England have set out advice to minimise/reduce the risk of transmission which we are implementing.

Even though we are a small school we believe that we should still take all reasonable precautions in line with the guidance.

With this in mind in September the school will operate differently and will feel different although all efforts will be taken to make this as "normal" as possible.

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School Operation (In line with Government Guidance)

- We will create two distinct groups or “Bubbles” based on Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. These two groups will have separate transport and remain in distinct groups throughout the day.
- **Key Stage 3** will be based in their own classrooms replicating a primary model.
- Teachers will move to that class to teach the lesson.
- Key stage 3 pupils will only move to specialist classrooms for Science, DT, Food Tech, PE and Art.
- All equipment used will be wiped down after use and prior to any other bubble using the equipment.
- **Key Stage 4** pupils will move through their timetable in specialist classrooms and with specialist teachers as before.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered.
- These arrangements allow small groups and cleaning protocols to be maintained.
- All areas will be thoroughly cleaned between use by different “bubbles”
- Hand Hygiene will remain a priority with regular hand washing/Sanitising throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be reconfigured in order that pupils face forward.
- Pupils will have their own stationary/pencil case.
- Outdoor learning will continue to be a core aspect of our teaching.
- School uniform policy will return and should be clean and tidy and regularly washed.

Curriculum and Pastoral Support

- We will teach a broad and relevant curriculum and will use existing flexibilities to create time for additional support to cover important content.
- Curriculum planning will be informed by our assessment of pupils’ engagement and learning through the last 3 months.
- Additional support will be put in place for those pupils in their examination preparation.
- We will focus on pupil wellbeing and re-establishing behaviours which support learning and progress and pupil wellbeing.
- There will be no residential trips during the autumn term.
- Educational visits will take place to those places which have risk assessed covid-19 secure practice.

Contact numbers for the Pastoral team during the summer holidays are as follows:-

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Behaviour

- **It is important that pupils and parents feel secure in returning to School.**
- Pupils are expected to follow the school behaviour policy and show respect for themselves, other pupils, staff and the Wennington Hall School Community.
- Responses to pupil dysregulation will continue to follow a gradual and graded response as described in their "Individual Education and Health Care Plan".
- Pupils will be encouraged and supported to follow social distancing practice.
- Ultimately if a pupil puts other pupils and their families and/or staff and their families at increased risk then consideration of re-establishing home/remote learning will be taken.

Contingency Planning for further Outbreaks

- In the event of a school, local area or national outbreak school will re-establish remote learning using the full combination of resources including online learning through SENECA Learning Platform.

I hope this information gives you sense of the many measures which we are taking to reduce risk and to be able to limit the likelihood and impact of further transmission whilst ensuring the school experience is positive.

There will be significant changes for pupils to manage and adapt to on their return and I anticipate that there could well be further changes between now and September. With this in mind, and in the hope that we have a smooth return, the plan for returning in September is as follows:-

Tuesday 1 September -Staff Training Day.

Wednesday 2 September – Key stage 3 Only. Induction Day.

Thursday 3 September – Key stage 4 Only (including all residential pupils)

Friday 4 September – All pupils in school.

I hope this information is useful and we will keep working through the summer to assess and consider all further information and keep you all updated via "parent app", email, website and letter.

Please feel free to contact me directly or speak with key workers and form group staff if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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