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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

I hope this correspondence finds you well. It has been an unprecedented Summer Term, challenging and exhausting for both families and staff alike. Wrenn is like a family and we have stuck together to ensure that everyone is safe and can experience the very best of live learning. I have been humbled by the incredible number of emails of support from parents and carers.

As you will already be aware the government published its plans for getting pupils back to school in September. All of us at Wrenn School recognise the impact that being out of school for five months, out of normal school routines, has had on our children.

We have learnt a great deal over the last five months and our experiences will put us in a good position to reopen safely in September. Our risk assessment has been completed and approved by CET and I am able to share with you our plans for a reboot.

I must stress that over the summer holidays we will continue to review our planning to create the very best experiences and conditions for our students. Therefore, we may be in contact with you to share minor alterations, especially if we see changes from the government over the summer as lockdown procedures endure.

From the DFE guidance on a full reopening in the Autumn term, I have summarised the key aspects for your information:

- All pupils in all years should be able to and will be expected to return to school.
- Attendance expectations are to be re-introduced to all schools, alongside the reintroduction of the attendance policy and procedures for non-attendance.
- Some areas of the curriculum may be limited for some year groups e.g, PE, Music, Drama or Technology. A solution is being sought to reduce disruption to these subjects.
- Schools will be able to stagger start and end times to allow for social distancing between year groups. There will also be staggered lunchtimes to allow all our students to be able to have a hot or cold lunch in the canteen.
- Students will be arranged into protective bubbles on both sites within their year group; an individual plan for your child will accompany this letter. It is also envisioned that over the holidays our Progress Leaders will be sending out a video to cover, in more detail, the plans for each year group.



- Within the bubbles we are expecting normal school life to resume, however movement around school will be minimised and during break times students will have to remain in a designated zone. Handwashing at all transitions from place to place is compulsory and extra facilities will be provided for this.
- Face coverings are not to be worn by children in school.
- Clear guidance is given that everyone who is able to do so should walk or cycle to school rather than taking public transport. Provision will be made for the storage or disposal of face coverings worn on public transport.
- Social distancing will continue as planned, especially between students and staff. Students will be expected to maintain appropriate distance from each other.

We are very aware that during lockdown there may be learning gaps that need to be filled swiftly. It is our intention to put in place a recovery curriculum for the Autumn term. For year 11 and 13 students, who are at greater risk of being affected academically by lockdown (as they have their exams next year), we will be introducing period 6 lessons after school in the immediate future.

Rest assured in all other year groups the leaders will put in place rapid catch up and recovery plans to ensure no student is left behind. Our main source of information will come from the student Attitude to Learning grades generated by the staff and any supporting particulars gained by the Progress Leaders. We will continue to set homework on Teams, so we are able to continue seamlessly with learning in case of another lockdown. Curriculum Leaders will adjust their learning plans to address any gaps in knowledge. For our new Year 7 students, we will implement a range of assessments to include reading, writing and numeracy. From this we will initiate swift identification and support with core literacy and numeracy.

On top of catering for all students' academic needs, we will devote time across all year groups to the emotional wellbeing of our students. We are very mindful that some students and parents/carers will be wary of the reintegration procedures back into school. Our Year Team Managers and Progress Leaders will be readily available throughout the summer and in the new academic year, to support anyone who feels they would benefit from such a service.

We look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students, year 9 students, year 11 students and sixth form back on Thursday 3rd September. Year 8 students and year 10 students will start on Monday 7th September.

On behalf of all the staff at Wrenn we want to thank you for your hard work in maintaining high levels of learning at home and for the support you have given our school.

Yours faithfully

Steve Elliott
Principal