

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Families,

**Re: COVID-19 Update, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020: Update on September Opening**

I hope you are well and looking forward to the weekend with the easing of lockdown measures!

As you may be aware, the guidance for school opening in September 2020 was released on Thursday last week and since then, I have written an opening document which is currently being finalised by governors. The full document will be sent to you next week so that you can see what measures we will be putting in place to ensure everybody's safe return.

Main points to highlight from government guidance and what it means for BBS include the following:

- **Attendance is mandatory for all year groups** in September 2020. All students must come to school.
- **Uniform will be allowed** (blazers and ties included).
- Students will be in '**year group bubbles**' where contact with other year groups will be kept to a minimum wherever possible.
- **Tutor groups will be in year groups** instead of mixed year groups as they currently are. This may mean a change of tutor.
- **Staggered start and finish times** for each year group will ease any over-crowding of students at the beginning and end of each day
- As many lessons as possible will be **double lessons**, to minimize movement around the school.
- **Stringent hygiene and cleaning procedures** will and must be followed. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be on the wall outside each classroom and students/staff will need to use this before entering. Tables and equipment will also need to be disinfected after every lesson.
- **All students must bring a packed lunch to school.** The canteen will not be open as it is too small for the number of students who use it daily. There will be five kiosks, one for each year group, on site serving cold food such as sandwiches for those who may have forgotten their lunch. No hot food will be served.
- **The use of MS Teams in physical lessons will take place where appropriate/possible** so that any students who are self-isolating are part of the lesson. Where appropriate, sessions will be recorded so that any student who falls ill can catch up at a later point. Instead of Teams, video/audio files of your child's teacher giving specialist instruction or handouts may be used instead.
- There will be a **full induction for every student on the first day back in September** so that they are familiar with the new procedures, including the new muster points during a fire evacuation.

It is important to note however, that the current situation will or may change before we return in September. However, I will continue to update you on our plans as government guidance changes.

A survey will be sent out following the release of the Burton Borough September Opening Plan next week so that if you have any questions, they can all be stored in one place and answered quickly.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun as I believe the weather will be good!

With all good wishes,



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Principal



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