

16th July 2020

Dear Parents

In the last few weeks we have been focusing on ensuring that our school can safely open for all students in September – something we are all so much looking forward to.

We have learnt a lot in lockdown about how to deliver virtual education, families and staff have been outstanding working together to ensure learning has continued. However, nothing replaces face to face teaching; students need the routine of normal school life and they also need to see their friends and teachers. It is vital that we get students back to school in September.

The school, working with our Trust have carried out further Risk Assessments to ensure that a return to school is safe for all our children, staff and wider community. In order to do this there is clear Government guidance we must adhere to and this will mean some amendments to 'normal school' life.

These are our Trust's non-negotiables that have guided our plans, we will ensure that:

1. we minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
2. everyone cleans their hands thoroughly more often than usual
3. everyone ensures good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
4. there is a programme of enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
5. we minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
6. where and when necessary, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn.

We have put together detailed plans for our school in line with advice from the Department for Education and Local Authority guidance. These are attached in our **guidance booklet**. It is important that you read these carefully so you are fully informed of our approach and plans for September as there are some key changes to school routines and life. The main changes will be:

- Regular handwashing/hand sanitising for **all** in school at key times throughout the day.
- Staggered start and finish times
- Teaching group organisation
- Movement around the school
- Small changes to our uniform.

Please read the guidance carefully, if you then still have questions please contact your child's tutor or Head of House.

I know that the past couple of months have presented challenges for us all, I am pleased that we are now able to move further towards the new 'normal' at Trinity. I am confident that together we will adapt quickly to this new 'normal' so that all our students settle back to school. There are some things during this period that have worked very well like our virtual whole schools events, assemblies and round ups to celebrate excellence. We will continue with these during the first term whilst we are minimising contact between groups and practising social distancing in order to continue to celebrate all we do and keep connected.

I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this time I believe we have provided our students with the very best education and experience by, working together as a community.

We will continue to be in touch over the Summer to keep you informed about our plans, and to remind you of the key information you will need for September. I look forward to our school being fully open once again.

Yours sincerely



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