



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware there has now been guidance issued for the full re-opening of schools in September and we cannot wait to welcome everyone back including those new to our school!



As a school we have attempted to maintain a sense of normality, but with the recognition that things are different for us all. The first thing we ask of you, is to continue to communicate with us, and that, together, we follow the latest Government guidance summarised as follows:

'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.'

Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). All schools must follow this process and ensure all staff are aware of it.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any students who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive (see below) or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.'

Guidance for full opening: Schools (2nd July 2020).

We ask you to please work with us over the next few months as we get the school up to running at full capacity. All children will be expected to be at school from September. Should you have any queries or concerns then please do contact the school via the usual channels. We totally recognise that for some children and adults, a return in September will be an anxious time. We will be doing our best to mitigate these issues. Being in a safe environment with friends, playing games and laughing is often enough to reset the equilibrium for the majority of our children.

As a school we are in the process of **carefully planning** for September for the reopening, ensuring that we do this as safely as possible, following the guidance that has been given to us by the DfE, Public Health England and also Wiltshire Council. **The safety of students and staff will be our primary concern in this planning process and will remain so throughout.**

Our plans and risk assessments will be carefully looked at and approved by the Governors and the Local Authority **and then shared** with you.

Every school in Wiltshire is different and, although each school will be following the same guidance, how this is enacted safely will look slightly different according to context.

In the meantime, here is some useful information that can be shared with you now and will help you and your child prepare for September.



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The 1st and the 2nd of September are both staff training days, so no children will be in school on those two days. On Thursday 3rd September we will be expecting Year 7, Year 11, Willow class and Maple class to return to school. On Friday 4th September we will be expecting all students to come to school. The expectation is

that all children will be in the correct school uniform.

Children **DO NOT** need to bring in their own hand sanitiser. As a school we have plenty of hand sanitiser in **ALL classrooms** as well as at stations around the school, including at the entrance to all buildings/classrooms. Children will be told to wash their hands and sanitise regularly throughout the day.

Passenger transport will be in contact over the summer to finalise details of routes and groupings on taxis. Even though students will be in different groups for taxis and at school, risks of cross-contamination are minimised by the fact that taxi groups are consistent as are drivers and passenger assistants.



Each class has been assigned a team of adults consisting of Teachers and Teaching Assistants who will remain with that bubble throughout the week. Where this is not possible, and a staff member does need to move between groups, this will be kept to a minimum and strict hand washing and social distancing will take place. Children will have staggered break times to ensure that they play only with children in the same bubble. At lunch time children will also be given staggered play time with members of their class bubble.

Furniture in classrooms will be kept to a minimum and desks will be spaced out as much as possible, facing the front of the classroom. Sharing of equipment will be minimised; where it does need to be shared it will be cleaned with anti-bacterial spray/wipes between uses. Each class has been assigned a toilet to use and children will only be able to go one at a time; staff within bubbles will clean toilets in between each child. All assemblies will take place in classrooms within individual bubbles.

We would ask that parent/carers do not turn up to the school unannounced. All appointments must be made in advance to ensure we are Covid secure.

Initially we would like to ask all students to come to school with a packed lunch; lunch will be eaten in classrooms with the group of adults assigned to each bubble, and the support of midday supervisors. Any child eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from the catering team.



If a child falls ill whilst at school they will be isolated in the house and supported by a member of staff. Parent/carers will be expected to collect their child immediately and organise for them to be tested. All members of the family must follow the guidelines as indicated at the beginning of this letter.

We have recruited extra cleaners to ensure that the entire school can be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day as well as providing cleaning for some areas throughout the day. Adults working within bubbles will also have cleaning equipment to ensure that areas are regularly cleaned and disinfected.



Please can you make sure we have your up-to-date contact details. If they have changed over the closure period, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.



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It is important to start talking to your child about their return to school. We understand that some children will be very anxious and we will do all we can to alleviate these fears on their return. I have attached some resources that will help to prepare your child for their return to school and you will have all received the summer holiday activity book that may also help to prepare them for a return to school.

A number of Year 11 students have been anxious about whether they will still get results in recognition of all of their hard work; I can assure them that **they will also receive their results** like every other Year 11 child in the country. As a school we have had to go through exactly the same process as other mainstream schools. All of our teachers looked very carefully at coursework and practice exams that had already been completed as well as any modules that had already been submitted. With the guidance of the examination officer, staff used all of the evidence available to award estimated grades that were submitted confidentially to the examination boards. We were told that these estimated grades had to be confidential at this stage. Examination boards will be moderating all of the responses and deciding on final grades.



We fully expect to get our grades at the same time as the GCSE and A level results are released and as such you should receive a letter from the school on the 20th or 21st August informing your child of their results.



The summer activity brochure produced by Wiltshire LA is now available and can be found via the following link.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/summer-holiday-activities-are-go-latest-information-for-5-12-year-olds-is-now-available>

If you have any questions, then please contact:

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A number of students and families will continue to have phone/email contact over the summer and this has been arranged with individuals concerned. If you would like to continue receiving contact over the summer period and you have not been contacted then please contact the school via the usual channels. Alternatively there are contact phone numbers on the school website if you need to contact anybody in an emergency.

I hope that you all have a happy, safe and relaxing summer break; we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



Very best wishes

Mr M Loveridge