

Wednesday 22nd July, 2020.



Penketh High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of turbulent and challenging year for us all. The year began with the news that the outgoing Year 11 pupils achieved the school's best ever results and improvement at the school was further validated by a Good judgment being awarded during the inspection by Ofsted in February. Of course events that have occurred globally since that point have provided us all with perspective. Our thoughts are with all of those families – some from our own school community – who have been directly impacted by the global pandemic, tragically losing friends and loved ones. Our thanks are with key workers who have supported the national effort by providing essential goods and services and also to our health workers who have selflessly put themselves at risk to provide the very best care to those suffering and to the most vulnerable. We will forever be grateful for your efforts.

It was incredibly important to us that we did everything we could to not only support the work of key workers by providing a provision open to their children every single day since the 23rd of March, but also to support our most vulnerable pupils by ensuring that the structure of school remained available to them across the same period. I'd like to thank the staff at the school who have ensured that those pupils in most need of support continued to receive this every single day, with calls, home visits and the coordination of support services where necessary.

It has also been our priority to ensure the very best educational provision in the circumstances we faced. The staff at the school reacted quickly to closure providing interactive lessons from the very first day of closure through Teams. They have also immersed themselves in the best educational research and pedagogical evidence in relation to distance and remote learning in order to perfect their delivery across the period of closure. This has allowed them to focus on the best techniques for delivery of content on a remote basis in order to ensure the best possible educational provision and I'm extremely thankful for their efforts in adapting to a new way of working.

It's been rewarding to see pupils continue to engage in their education and the quality of work produced by pupils has helped to keep all of our spirits up. Last week we issued our 4000th digital Going for Gold postcard since the Easter break, this is a fantastic total and really serves to demonstrate how well our pupils have adapted to continue to strive to make progress despite the circumstances. I'd like to congratulate all pupils for their efforts and those who have continued to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

I'd also like to thank parents for your ongoing support and encouragement during this difficult period. The kind words and messages that we've received have been greatly appreciated and helped to drive us on.

During this period we've said goodbye to our Year 11 pupils in what are disappointing circumstances and this amazing group of young people didn't deserve to have their time at Penketh brought to such an abrupt end. They've been denied the opportunity to experience the process of leaving school, their prom and to sit the examinations they've worked so hard for.

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They will always remain an important and valued part of our school community and I'm glad we were at least able to conduct a leavers event for them remotely. We look forward to welcoming them back at a time we can come together to celebrate their contribution to our school and to a time when we can hold the prom that they deserve.

Year 11 results day is on the 20th of August and Mr Farrar has sent details of the arrangements for the collection of GCSE results to each individual pupil.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 to our school community in September. Whilst we have been able to conduct eight live transition events online we recognise that this can't replace our usual transition events and time onsite. So we eagerly anticipate our Summer School and meeting pupils officially in September.

You will have received details relating to our arrangements for September last week and this remains available on the school website. I wanted to let you know that we will be issuing further guidance for pupils and parents in the last two weeks of the holidays so that pupils can ensure that they are clear on specific arrangements before they return. I have held positive dialogue with Warrington's Own Buses to ensure that we can provide a bespoke bus service for each year group to ensure that we can limit any potential mixing of "bubbles" when travelling to and from school. They are currently working on bus timetables to reflect this service and we will issue these to parents ahead of our return in September.

We will, of course, spend time on the first day of school introducing pupils to new procedures and systems in place to ensure that we adhere to guidance and support the wellbeing of staff and pupils. This process will leave them clear on details so they needn't be anxious about navigating a new school day in September, we will hand hold them through this process.

What is important is that pupils understand that they should access school in line with the times identified below on Monday 7th September, should bring full equipment with them to school and wear the correct full school uniform - details of which can be found on the school website and in pupil planners. I should remind pupils that trainers are not permitted. I think it's also important to mention that this year we expect pupils to bring rucksack style bags to school, we will not be allowing pupils to bring handbags to school due to some specific resources that pupils will need to transport to and from school to better support their learning. These are not heavy or cumbersome but handbags are not appropriate for keeping these resources in good working condition.

	Start	End
Year 11	8:30am	15:15pm
Yard to enter/exit school	Rosetta	Rosetta
Year 10	8:30am	14:15pm
Yard to enter/exit school	Riley	Riley
Year 9	9:30am	15:15pm
Yard to enter/exit school	Riley	Riley
Year 8	9am	14:45pm
Yard to enter/exit school	Rosetta	Rosetta
Year 7	9am	14:45pm
Yard to enter/exit school	Riley	Riley

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I will be writing to parents two weeks before our return to school to reconfirm details for the year ahead. We are mindful that previous guidance issued to schools during the pandemic has been updated on numerous occasions and so this will allow us to account for any changes to guidance between now and then.

We will be continuing to work to plan for next year over the coming weeks. Staff have been busy remapping curriculums and developing resources to support pupils catching up where necessary. School has felt strange over the last few months and pupils being absent from school has meant that our normally vibrant environment has been extremely quiet. We're very much looking forward to welcoming our outstanding young people back to school and we're enthused about doing everything we can to ensure that pupils have every chance to develop and succeed.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the summer and hope that you remain in good health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin
Principal.



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