



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we're approaching the end of term I wanted to relay how proud we are of pupils who continue to display an excellent attitude towards their studies. We continue to see learning scores of 1 or 2 (representing outstanding or good learning) making up 98.5% of all register marks. Pupils have a clear understanding of their responsibilities in relation to their own progress but also in supporting others to make progress by ensuring that they engage in the classroom. It's fantastic to walk around school and see young people engaged in learning and developing a passion for their subjects.

As you know, since the start of the year we've taken clear actions to prevent the spread of any potential infection in school and whilst it was inevitable that we would have some cases connected with the school, our planned actions have enabled us respond quickly and appropriately in collaboration with the health authorities. Whilst we're disappointed that this has resulted in some of our young people having to self-isolate, we have been able to minimise the number of pupils that this has affected.

It's important to us that pupils who are impacted and who need to take some time away from school are still in a position to make progress inline with their peers. The remote learning offer that we have developed over the last six months is rooted in the best research and pedagogy to support progress on a remote basis. We have ensured that the work set for pupils mirrors the work being completed by their peers in school and both videos and resources promoting direct instruction have been developed to guide pupil learning. The work is laid out in lesson order so that pupils can follow their sequenced curriculum, as they would in school, and Teams allows us to make these resources available centrally but also, crucially, provides a platform for pupils to interact with staff for support.

The canteen provision has been open and fully operational over lunch but we are now in a position to offer a breakfast provision when pupils arrive at school in the morning. Obviously we need to manage this in relation to our year group bubbles to ensure that mixing of pupils doesn't occur and we have enough time to clean facilities between use by each year group bubble. Each year group has therefore been provided with a time slot for them to access their allocated canteen via their yard of arrival.

Year group	Yard	From	Until
Year 11	Rosetta	8:10am	8:25am
Year 10	Riley	8:10am	8:25am
Year 9	Riely	9:10am	9:25am
Year 8	Riley	8:40am	8:55am
Year 7	Rosetta	8:40am	8:55am

We are also aware that the weather is starting to turn and so we want to start to manage the entrance for pupils via the footpath from the rear of school. Parents will be aware that we asked pupils not to use this entrance as the narrow pathway is conducive to mixing. Where possible we would still ask pupils to not use the footpath to access the school site, but from next week we are going to start supervising access in the morning.

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Parents will be aware that in a number of schools entire year groups have been sent home and in some cases multiple year groups, clearly we want to do all we can to avoid that scenario and we are still mindful that the narrow path serves to promote mixing. With this in mind we are providing each year group with a slot to use the footpath to enter the site so that we can limit to a single year group at a time on the footpath itself.

Year Group	From	To
Year 11	8:15am	8:20am
Year 10	8:20am	8:25am
Year 9	9:10am	9:25am
Year 8	8:45am	8:50am
Year 7	8:50am	8:55am

A member of staff will be on duty during these periods to ensure that pupils use the footpath as safely as possible and in the spirit of maintaining year group bubbles. Once pupils arrive onsite they will need to walk the length of the footpath to the front of school and access the entrance point assigned to their year group.

After half-term we will re-evaluate with a view to managing pupils' exit from the site each afternoon via the footpath, so for next week we would still require pupils to exit the school from the front of the site.

Can I thank parents for their ongoing support, we've been appreciative of the messages and kind words from parents recognising the amount of changes needed this year to manage the operation of the school through the pandemic and the recent surge in cases in Warrington. Staff are working exceptionally hard to not only deliver the curriculum in a COVID-secure way but are also adapting to provide a remote curriculum and cover a number of enhanced duties around the site to ensure that we do all we can to maintain the wellbeing of our school community.

Yours sincerely

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