

20 March 2020

## To Parents of Secondary Pupils Attending School on Monday 23 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write with information for those parents who are key workers and have requested a school place for their son/daughter to attend school on Monday. The Schools will be partially open on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. As you are aware the government guidance is that every child who can safely be cared for at home should be and we have stressed that in communication with parents and carers throughout the day to clarify the government guidance.

- The Schools will open and close at the normal times.
- Pupils are not required to wear school uniform.
- All children will be registered on arrival by the Headteacher and/or senior leaders to check against the list of names of parents that have requested a school place.
- All pupils will be provided with hot food at lunch time free of charge, however, pupils are allowed to bring their own food should they wish.

We are aiming to make the day as productive as is possible for all pupils and thank you for the support you have shown so far. Please help us to reinforce the following advice which we are insisting upon in school:

- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water, and before they leave for school.
- Remind them to wash their hands when they arrive at school with soap and water.
- Remind them to wash their hands when they return from school using soap and water.
- Encourage your child not to share water bottles or any other food and drinks items with other pupils. Please ensure water bottles are thoroughly washed with hot, soapy water daily.
- Avoid any physical contact during social times (high 5s, handshakes, contact games and embraces with friends).
- Use cutlery when eating meals to avoid hand-to-mouth contact wherever possible.
- Wherever possible please provide your child with clean clothes every day to avoid the spread of and contact with germs.

Once again, I thank you for all your support and the huge number of positive messages and comments that have been received by the School and the Trust. This has been a challenging week for everyone in the country, however, the community and all stakeholders involved with the schools have pulled together in a way that is most humbling. We will continue to keep up communication as much as possible through the channels that have been utilised quite extensively this week (text. Website, letter etc).

Yours faithfully,

Julian Appleyard OBE Chief Executive Officer