

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff,

To-day brings school to the end of the Summer Term and academic year. At the start of the Spring Term who could have predicted the significant challenges that we would face as a school? Such challenges were also faced by our communities and families. We have had to face situations and make decisions that have been completely new territory. School has had to draw upon the best of past experience, a good analysis of pros and cons, the skill of anticipating consequences, disciplined thinking and sometimes just good common sense. At the heart of all our actions has been our shared and overarching commitment to wanting the best for the pupils of Greenbank School and their families. You have played your part in making sure we were in the best position to achieve this. Staff across school have been immense in the work they have done in keeping contact with pupils and families, setting up from scratch (and in a very short space of time) e school platforms, posting and updating resources on the school website and making sure school is as safe as we can make it in order to welcome back students from June.

I wrote to you last week with details of the arrangements that are in place to welcome back all pupils in September. I hope you found the information useful and reassuring. The national and local picture is still changing and I expect it will continue to do so on a number of different fronts.

Below is a summary of the main arrangements for September.

- * School will re-open for the start of the Autumn Term for Year 7 students on Wednesday 2nd September. This is to allow a period of induction and transition for pupils who have not had this opportunity as a result of lockdown.
- * School will re-open for the start of the Autumn Term for Years 8 to Yr13 on Monday 7th September.
- * Residential provision will re-open from Monday 7th September, starting with Yr10 and 11 pupils.
- * The curriculum from 2nd – 11th September will be a 'recovery' curriculum. This will focus on social and emotional aspects of learning to support students back into the routine and rhythm of school and re-establishing peer and friendship groups.
- * Transport- I have not yet received final arrangements for transport. Planning for this whilst maintaining social distancing, sourcing vehicles and Personal Assistants is a huge logistical task. The provisional plan was to have taxi bubbles that are the same as class bubbles. This will increase significantly the number of vehicles on site. Space will be at a premium. School, once it receives transport details, will bring in a timetable of staggered arrival and departure times to avoid a congested morning and afternoon rush. Taxis and families who transport children will be given an arrival and departure window. It will be important to observe this.
- * A robust school risk assessment will remain in place. This will include the one-way system, Key Stage bubbles, hand hygiene and catch it, bin it, kill it protocols, more frequent cleaning schedules and staggered break and lunch arrangements. Key Stage 3 will form 1 bubble, Key Stage 4 & 5 the other bubble.

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I would like to say good-bye and good luck to our leavers both in Year 13 and Year 11. Pupils are on a number of different pathways that will allow them to build on their success and achievements at Greenbank. It has been such a shame that we could not celebrate as we would normally have done at the 'Prom', or Leavers assembly. I wish you all the very best-

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

School will make arrangements to contact parents if any significant changes take place with regard to Covid-19 guidance.

It remains for me to thank everyone associated with Greenbank School for their support, understanding and kind messages over the last few months. A very testing time for all. I hope you all manage to take the opportunity to rest and recharge the batteries in readiness for September.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Autumn Term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. McCann
Head teacher