



Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to update you following the government's announcement yesterday of return to school plans for September.

Before I do, I would like to pass on my thanks to both parents and pupils for their support during this very challenging time. The vast majority of pupils in all Year groups have been hugely conscientious in their approach to their school work, and we are very grateful for the support they have received at home. Most pupils have done their very best to engage with the work set and a lot of it has been of exceptional quality.

Over the course of the last few weeks we have gradually been able to invite more students into school. Attendance of those invited pupils has been excellent, with about 90% of those Year 10 and 12 pupils invited to attend face to face teaching attending. The current arrangements of study support pods, face to face teaching for Year 10 and subject days for Year 12 will continue through to the end of this term. We will also be hosting some days for current Year 7 to support their return to school in September.

From September the government guidance is very clear about expecting the full return of all pupils. Therefore, I can confirm that the first day back for all pupils, as per the published term dates is Thursday 3rd September 2020. The new Year 7 cohort will attend school on Wednesday 2nd September as well to support their transition.

We will now take some time to put in place the arrangements for their return, completing all appropriate risk assessments and ensuring all aspects of the government's guidance are met. Once these arrangements have been finalised, I will write to parents again before the end of term to explain how our approach will work.

In the meantime, please encourage your sons and daughters to make the best possible use of their time. As we move towards the end of term it is very possible that the motivation will flag for some. If your child is struggling at home and would benefit from some time in school, please contact us. We have limited places but will do our best. Please try to help your child to stay in good routines and talk with them regularly about what they have to do and how they are organising their study. Please also encourage them to attend the live lessons that are offered where technology allows.

Yours sincerely,

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