



# Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



10th August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to update you on planning for September opening. We will be open to our new year 7 intake for their induction on Wednesday 2nd September. As advertised in our term dates we look forward to welcoming all other year groups back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

There have been no further government updates and therefore planning continues to be as communicated at the end of last term. We will be placing each year group in their own separate bubble and will be keeping them separate with alterations to the school day, break time and lunch time. Pupils will receive their timetables before the end of the summer with their year group rooming on it. We will also send out more information about which entry gate pupils will use and arrangements for break time and lunch time. On arrival on their first day, students should go directly to their year group area. There will be no breakfast service available and communal areas such as playgrounds will be closed before school.

Further to my comments at the end of last term, I would emphasise the importance of all pupils having the correct equipment. It is even more important than normal that pupils have the stationary needed, including calculators, Maths equipment, colouring pencils, glue and scissors. This is because we will not always be able to lend this equipment as we might have in the past. In addition, I would remind parents of the importance of providing your child with their own bottle of hand sanitizer. We would also like to ensure that all pupils attend school with a suitable reading book which will be expected to be read during lesson change over, when they are in their fixed classroom, awaiting their teacher to come to them.

The latest information we have from the bus company is that there will be a full service but that there may be capacity limitations. Touch points will be wiped and buses will be deep cleaned overnight. Face coverings will be enforced on the buses. We would continue to encourage alternatives to public transport where possible.

Lastly, I would recognise that some students will be out of practice in terms of school and its expectations. We will be holding induction assemblies for all year groups on day one and we have adapted our behaviour policy to make it clearer and help pupils to make good choices. A copy of this policy is available on the website.

I will be in contact again before our start in September, and wish you an enjoyable remainder of the summer break.

Yours sincerely

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