



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe during these difficult times?

I am now pleased to be able to provide further information around our full school opening from September 2020. We are thrilled to be able to be welcoming our whole school community back to school.

As you will appreciate COVID continues to be at the forefront of everyone's minds and we must ensure we continue to follow all Government guidance in all areas of life including for the safe and effective operations of schools.

I and the wider leadership team have been working over the past couple of weeks to put plans into place for September following the latest Government guidance that has been issued around schools. The plans I am sharing with you are based on the current guidance however as you will appreciate this may change prior to September, if any guidance does change then I will ensure this is communicated to you.

All of the plans and guides I mention below and our whole school risk assessment is available to view on our website.

From September we will be welcoming all pupils back to school in a phased way, we will still be operating 'social bubbles' however these 'social bubbles' will be much larger than we have currently been operating in school based on the new guidance.

We will operate three key bubbles;

- Bubble 1 for pupils in Early Years and Primary **(returning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September)**
- Bubble 2 for pupils in Secondary **(returning on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)**
- Bubble 3 for students in our Sixth Form provision at Edenhill **(beginning transition to the Edenhill site from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September)**

We have created a range of documentation and advice around the full reopening which is available on our website and has been emailed to all parents, please ensure you take time to familiarise yourself and your son/daughter with this information.

Senior leaders will be working at different points during the holidays to answer any questions or queries parents may have around full reopening and your son/daughter returning to school. During the last week of the summer holidays there will be opportunity to visit school site for pupils who are extremely anxious about the return.

Local authority transport are currently finalising their plans and this will be shared with parents as soon as possible. It is anticipated that getting pupils safely on site in the morning and offsite in the evening will take longer than usual and we ask all parents to support us with this. Our parent guide provides information around new drop off points for pupils. Please take time to read this and adhere to the guidance in order to support smooth running of school.

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The curriculum in school from September will follow a simplified format focusing on pupils' emotional and physical wellbeing following the return to school after such a long period at home.

I appreciate upon reading this lengthy update letter you may have questions and queries which relate to your individual son/daughter's circumstances that you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to arrange a telephone call or to ask any questions, please email [hopewood@ascenttrust.org](mailto:hopewood@ascenttrust.org)

I want to take this opportunity to further recognise the resilience and flexibility shown by all of our families, pupils and staff members during this extremely difficult time, we appreciate this has been and continues to be extremely difficult for everyone. Thank you all for your support and patience.

I hope you have a safe summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September

Yours sincerely

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