

Monday 21 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the weeks fly by, we are now well underway with the autumn term. Our PODs continue to work well, with the children being kept safe and everyone becoming more familiar with the new way of working. The remote learning for Year 10 students has been successful, but we are all very pleased to be welcoming them back on Tuesday 22 September.

#### Parents' Evenings

Usually we would be planning parents' evenings and looking forward to meeting you in person, but the process is going to have to be different this year. We are collecting information from teachers on students' ERA learning attributes in their first few weeks back at school and Form Tutors will be phoning home during the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September to provide parents of students in years 7-13 with some feedback. Parents of Year 7 students will additionally receive information about how their new starters are settling in.

Last week we delivered a successful virtual Information Evening via Microsoft Teams for parents of students in year 12. Thank you and well done to all involved.

We are currently exploring a variety of methods / platforms to enable online parents' evenings to replace face to face parents' evening. Further details to follow.

#### Bus Update

Some of you will be aware of the difficulties that have been encountered with the buses this term. We can now report that contact has been made with county and they will be laying on additional buses, which it is anticipated will resolve any issue of overcrowding. Students who get the bus will be able to tell parents that staff are very engaged with supporting students to be the best they can and strict sanctions are in place if anyone fails to meet the school's high behaviour expectations.

Please see the [Parents/Bus Schedules](#) page on our website for the latest timetable reflecting the updated schedule for all the buses.

#### Year 6 Open Evening – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

The deadline for applying for secondary school places for September 2021 is approaching. For parents with children in year 6, please make sure you are aware of the application process. Please see the relevant information available on our website: [About Us/Admissions](#). I will be delivering remote assemblies to Year 6 students across the Trust over the next few weeks and we are all very excited about the Year 6 Open Evening which will be delivered virtually on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, with a live address by me at 5pm. More details to follow.

#### Parent Critical Worker Status Survey

Last week we sent out a survey asking parents to inform us of their critical worker status. Thank you to those of you have completed and submitted it. It will be open for just a few more days and we ask that you complete it by Friday 25 September.

### Covid guidance

We do realise that regulations and guidance are changing rapidly and very much appreciate parents' support as we navigate our way through. Thank you for encouraging your children to adhere to rules regarding face masks and sanitising in school as well as for following the government guidelines in your homes and in the community, endeavouring to keep us all safe.

Further to this, measures that we have put in place during COVID mean that meetings with parents require prior arrangement. Where possible, please communicate with staff via telephone and email (staff direct email addresses are available on our website: [Contact Us/Key Contacts](#)). If you do need to see a member of staff, please contact them in advance to organise a mutually convenient time to meet. We kindly ask that parents don't come into reception without an appointment.

### Rothwell Annual Food Fayre

At this weekend's (socially distanced) Rothwell Fayre, The Wonderkatz - Ione B, Ryan C, Ronnie P, Cameron W, Alex C and ex-student Toby B - were absolutely fantastic in their live performance. The crowd loved them! Also at the Fayre was Jessica C, fundraising by selling homemade cakes. Well done, all of you.

Despite these unusual circumstances, the school and our students are thriving.

Thanks again for all your support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi  
Principal