

Dear Families,

In my communication on the 10th July, I gave the headlines for our educational approach in September 2020.

In summary, assuming that there is no change in national picture, we are planning a ‘full return’ in September with these adaptations to improve safety:

1. A phased return
2. Pupils will be educated in the same classroom all day with teachers transitioning
3. Pupils will be assigned one of three different entrances and exits
4. The drop-off and collection windows have been extended to 8.20-8.50 and 2.45-3.15
5. There will be no formal breakfast club or clubs during the Autumn term
6. The school will be split into two sittings for break and lunch.

As I said in my letter and video on Friday 10th July (which you can watch here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTk1RdA0Wz8&feature=youtu.be>) - there are further details to iron out and we will next communicate by Thursday 27th August about:

- Swimming
- Hot lunch options
- Entrances/exits

However, I wanted to give more information about our **phased return** so that you can make appropriate plans for childcare, transport etc.

Having had lengthy discussions about this as a leadership team, we have decided that we will implement a ‘business as usual’ approach for the majority of pupils. We want to get them into the reassuring routine of school as quickly as possible.

There are a small number of pupils who we have identified as benefitting from an individualised phased return. For these pupils, we will collaborate and make arrangements with you, as their parents. Hannah Clements will be in touch to discuss this, therefore, unless you hear differently from Hannah, this is the return model for your child:

Monday 31 st August	Last day of the summer holidays
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day – school closed to all pupils, as planned
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils, as planned
Thursday 3 rd September	*6Ash, 6Whitebeam, 7Teak, 7Kapok, 8Juniper, 8Larch classes ONLY

	*Other pupils are at home.
Friday 4 th September	*5Bay, 9Elm, 9Maple, 10Dragon, 10Cypress, 11Pear, 11Sorrel ONLY *Other pupils are at home
Monday 7 th September	All pupils return as normal (unless an individualised phased return agreed) Arrival between 8.20-8.50 Collection between 2.45-3.15 All pupils must stay in their car until called in. Families must also wait in their car at the end of the day.

By inviting back half the school at a time on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, it will allow us to check and test the arrangements we have made before the whole community returns on Monday 7th September.

Once again, many thanks for your ongoing support. The entire community needs to rest and rejuvenate over the summer holidays, so as said above, we will be back in touch towards the end of August.

Kind regards,



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