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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

In my last letter, I said that I would write to you with more details about the timings and arrangements for next term which I do now. As you know, we have been instructed to close for the summer to prepare for Autumn re-opening.

We have carefully gone through the government guidelines for Autumn Term and we are reviewing our risk assessments and protective measures so that students can come back to school safely and confidently.

Due to the mammoth complexities of restructuring our schools; the need to train and re-timetable staff and in common with Leicester City and many other county schools, we will re-open as follows:

On Friday 28th August at 8.25am we welcome Year 7 students only.

On Tuesday 1st September at 8.25am Year 7 and we also welcome back Years 11 and 13.

On Wednesday 2nd September at 8.25am Years 7, 11, 13 and we also welcome back Years 8, 9, 10 and 12.

We have been prevented from having a Year 7 transition until now due to the government guidelines and the additional local lockdown. We are staggering the way other students are returning so that we can give them an effective re-introduction to school, which is essential because some students will have spent nearly six months at home.

We are changing our curriculum and timetable for the first few weeks at least to get students back into the habit of learning, behaving well and concentrating at school but also to support their mental and physical wellbeing after such a long time away.

In order to minimise contact and to keep students safe, we are splitting into four different 'schools' each with their own learning and catch up needs and the curriculum will be tailored to this. We will write to you about this in more detail nearer to our return but one thing we can clarify now is that students will be expected to return in full school uniform, in line with the government's directive. We know that you may not have badges and ties yet so please do not worry, these will be available from the start of term. More details will be available about this nearer the time.

I hope you and your families remain safe and well and we are looking forward to seeing our students back at school again.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Wilson
Headteacher
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