



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear All

I hope you are well. We are all very excited and looking forward to the prospect of some of your children coming back to school for some provision in the coming weeks. I hope the following guidance doesn't sound like a list of 'DO's and DON'Ts'. There is a lot to consider and plan for in trying to re-open school and I am attempting to lay out some practical advice as to how we can do this, in a way that keeps everyone as safe as possible. Please also be aware that this will not be the normal business of education. Your child may be with a different subject teacher and large parts of the school will be off limits. What I am hoping is that everyone will have the opportunity to spend some time with a subject specialist and that this will help alleviate some concerns in relation to the next phase of learning and to public examinations next year. Predominantly Y10 will be based in the English/Humanities block and all Y12 sessions will be scheduled in the Sixth Form Centre.

Your children are all placed in different groups and I would ask that you and they, pay very close attention to the information you have received from Dr Ainsworth if you're in Y12 or the detailed information you will receive this week from Mrs Phillips if you're in Y10. You must stick to these dates and times, there is no scope for change and your son/daughter will not be allowed onto the site except on their allocated days/times. Apologies if this sounds overly strict but obviously we need to have a tight control on the numbers of people on site to ensure everyone's safety.

With everyone's health in mind, your child should arrive at school at the allocated time where they will be greeted at the school gate by a member of the senior team who will then direct them where to go. It's very important that everyone follows the guidance and instruction given and that is posted around the school regarding social distancing and hand sanitising. We will not be allowing parents onto the school site at this time. If you have to accompany your child onto the site, you will need to discuss this with us beforehand. Please contact your son/daughter's Head of House in the first instance. If your child has mobility issues and you usually come onto the site that will be fine, but please discuss with Mrs Alexander if you have any particular questions.

I would ask that your child brings the correct equipment, stationery and files on their allocated days. I have also temporarily suspended the use of the cash loader machines in school. There will be a limited food offer available where an order can be placed in the morning. I would ask that there is sufficient monies loaded via ParentPay if your child wishes to purchase lunch/snacks. If this is problematic for any reason, please contact Mr Pritchard. I would ask that your child brings a water bottle with them, there will be a facility to fill this if required or bottles of water can be purchased but not via our vending machines which will not be in operation at this time.

If your child is in Y10, they are not required to wear uniform but it would be helpful if their dress was sensible. They will have the opportunity to do some physical activity so wearing training

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shoes on a Monday and Friday in particular would be advisable. PE kit will not be required. It should also be noted that the school bus will not be operating during this period.

It is vital that everyone follows the guidance as already stated. Our behaviour policy has been updated to reflect expectations during the period of this ongoing pandemic. This has been published on our website and I would ask that everyone is expected to adhere to its contents as a member of our school community. We will also be staggering the end and the start of the school day. It is very important that your sons/daughters make their way straight home once dismissed in a way that ensures their safety as well as that of everyone else in our local community. I would urge that everyone follows government advice and guidance at a time where there is still a considerable risk to people's health.

If your child is displaying any symptoms linked to Coronavirus, please do not send them into school. In the event that your child develops symptoms whilst in school, they will be isolated and we will make arrangements with you for them to go home. You will then need to keep us informed of their progress and guidance received from your GP and/or NHS 111. Detailed risk assessment documentation and a phased re-opening plan are published on our website outlining procedures in the event of a confirmed or suspected case of the virus on the school site.

Again, apologies if all of this sounds very strict and over prescriptive, however the phased re-opening will only work if everyone takes their responsibilities seriously and plays their part. This will be a worrying time for some of our staff, our students and for people who live near the school. We must all be respectful of that and be extra careful not to do anything to upset each other. Your support is very much appreciated.

I am sure this will be a productive time for those of you who feel ready and able to take up this limited opportunity. To those of you who cannot join us at this time, we will ensure that your son or daughter receives the materials the staff are using in school along with some guidance as to how to use them. Although we would like to welcome as many of you as possible, if you are unable to be here there will be no repercussions in relation to attendance codes in accordance with DFE guidance. If you feel you need some extra support, please contact your appropriate Head of House or Dr Ainsworth if you're in the Sixth Form.

I hope you found this information useful but as always, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike McGarry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike McGarry
Headteacher