



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and that your son/daughter is starting to settle into the new 'normal' here at school. Although far from the perfect way to deliver education, it is fantastic to have so many of our young people back at Range, it feels a lot more like it should be! I would like to acknowledge the positive attitude displayed by both the staff and the students in quickly adopting to a very different way of working. Everyone's co-operation and good will is vital and this is in evidence in abundance so thank you to the whole school community for pulling together at this time.

As the term progresses and assuming that we all remain well, it is my intention to start to slowly open up other, specialist areas of the school such as the Art rooms and PE facilities. This will be done in a very controlled way to start and of course, we will continue to review everything that we do on a daily and weekly basis.

For the most part, all of the students are following the new guidelines around distancing where possible, hand sanitising and being organised on a daily basis to come to school equipped and ready to learn. Your support is very much appreciated and I urge you to continue to discuss the importance of all of this with your son/daughter moving forward. I continue to monitor the advice and guidance around the wearing of face masks. As such, the rules around this remain unchanged from my last letter at the start of term. I will keep you posted should this need to change. However, do please stress the importance of following all of the new rules, including face coverings on public transport, when coming to and from school.

The teaching and support staff are working closely with the students to ascertain where everyone is in relation to national norms. The staff will then be putting in the relevant and required intervention strategies to ensure that everyone is able to catch up. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance. We will be putting in further intervention and catch-up sessions later in the term and throughout the year for those who need it.

The school calendar is published on our website. However, you will appreciate that planning for certain events is hampered by local and national restrictions. Parents' evenings, for example, will not be able to run as normal for the foreseeable future. I attach a half-termly parent view of the calendar with key dates highlighted. We will be in touch with particular year groups with bespoke arrangements for each event nearer the time. I will update this version of the calendar and send to you as the year progresses. Please note that we have a staff INSET Day next Wednesday, 23rd September when the students are not in school. As always, thank you for your support. Our new, 'virtual tour' will soon be on the website for prospective Y7 students but you may find it interesting as an existing parent to see how the school currently looks.

With very best wishes,

Mike McGarry
Headteacher