



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well at this time and I am writing as a follow-up to my letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> June to outline plans for the end of the academic year.

For the students in Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 who are in school we have been running an almost normal timetable recently and it is great to see nearly all specialist classes taking place in their dedicated areas. I had been hopeful to run a completely normal timetable with the school fully opened up for the last two weeks of term as previously indicated. Following consultation with Mr Mackenzie, Headteacher at Formby High and taking into account Sefton Public Health advice, we feel it a safer option to maintain what we currently have in operation. It is causing minimal disruption to normal education but is the best way to continue to mitigate against the virus taking local infection rates into consideration. As mentioned in my ParentMail message this week, our face mask policy will also remain in place for the remainder of the term. As always, please continue to ensure that your child carries out home testing twice weekly. All of these measures are helping to keep Covid out of school as much as possible and lower in the local community. Your help and support with all of this continues to be very much appreciated.

The national press is full of stories about the next round of guidance from the DfE and what might happen in September. I am sure we will see the end of the ‘bubble’ concept and some form of daily testing replacing it but I will await the guidance and update you accordingly when plans are finalised for the start of the new academic year in September.

In relation to the end of term, we will be replacing our annual awards ceremony this year with formal year group awards ceremonies on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Myself and other colleagues are looking forward to recognising many of the achievements of our students this year on this date. The awards will recognise a mixture of academic, attainment and good citizenship achievement for many of our students during what has been a challenging time in their lives. Please note that although a week 1, school will finish at 2.15pm on that day as a special reward for everyone to mark the efforts they have all made to pursue their education throughout the pandemic.

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July is the final day of term and would have been our rewards day incorporating trips to various venues. We will instead hold a non-uniform day in school with activities going on which hopefully all students will enjoy. Mr Dolly will also close the ClassCharts points raffle with the draw taking place and some great prizes available. Please note, as published, that school will finish at 12.45 on that day. The school bus has been ordered for these earlier times on both days.

As we approach the end of this 'bizarre' year we are finalising our last Newsletter of the year. I look forward to sharing this with you in the final week of term. As always, should you have any questions in relation to any of this, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "mcgarry", with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the "y" and a small curved flourish below it.

Mr McGarry  
Headteacher