



CANSFIELD

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18th June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to send you a brief update on a number of issues as we move closer to the end of this academic year. I know I sound like a broken record on this, but I should begin by saying how grateful we all are for your support during this period. The contact we have had from families has been incredibly uplifting and has really underlined the kindness and compassion that is the hallmark of our wider community.

Students on site between now and the end of the academic year

We have remained open every day since the partial closure of schools in March. The number of Key Worker children and vulnerable students accessing school has steadily increased. From next week we open to groups of Year 10 students who will attend Masterclasses adhering strictly to a range of health and safety measures. If you have not accessed on site provision and your circumstances change, do get in touch and we will do our best to accommodate.

Remote learning until the end of the academic year

We are now a month away from the summer holiday. In the final run up to the end of term we would ask that students continue to work through the material on the Coronavirus School Closure section of the website. We would also ask that you continue to utilise the extension material that staff have highlighted such as SAM Learning, Seneca and the Oak National Academy (www.thenational.academy). The other key thing that all students should be doing is reading as widely as they can. If you or your child are struggling to access materials, need additional work or want to talk through their progress so far please alert the member of staff who rings you weekly or email me direct and we can arrange for additional support.

Plans for September 2020

If you have been following the news you will know that we are all in a bit of limbo with regard to plans for September. I doubt we will be completely clear on this until closer to the time. As always, our first priority is the health and safety of our children. This said, we have every intention of opening the school fully as soon as we are able to safely do so. At the moment we are working on the assumption that all students will be back in September, but we are continuously reviewing the situation and will let you know as soon as we have further clarity on this. One thing to note is that given that our new Year 7s will not have had a transition day, we have decided that the school will be open for Year 7s only on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. So, at present, we anticipate that school will open for all students on 3rd September 2020.

Uniform for September 2020 onwards

In September we have every intention of returning with our students in full school uniform. So please feel confident purchasing new uniform for September.

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Mental health support from September 2020

Following extensive conversations with parents and students we have reviewed our provision for supporting mental health and wellbeing. One aspect of this is that for September we have appointed two fully qualified counsellors through Child Action North West to provide counselling services for our students while at school. In the new academic year, I will provide you with further details about how this support will be accessed – it will include one to one sessions, group sessions and workshops. We are fully committed to supporting the whole child, as opposed to just their academic development, so please do give us feedback on your experiences in the new academic year when our these initiatives have begun to bed in.

New school day from September 2020

Thank you to all of you who responded to the consultation about the proposed school day. The initial conception for the new school day came from discussions with parents and the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. Having reflected on the feedback we have decided to adopt the proposed day from September 2020 and we have informed bus companies. The new school day from September 2020 is as follows:

Time	Activity
8.30-8.45	Registration AND form activity OR reading
8.45-9.45	Period 1
9.45-10.45	Period 2
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.00	Period 3
12.00-1.00	Period 4
1.00-1.45	Lunch
1.45-2.45	Period 5
2.45-3.15	Assembly OR mental health mile OR reading

Developments to the school building

Over the last six months we have completed extensive work on the school building. This has included the creation of a new MFL wing with six refurbished classrooms, the creation of four new IT rooms, a total refurbishment of the library and a rebuild of the Year 7 toilets. Over the next few weeks I will put pictures of the new facilities on Twitter, but please let your children know that when they return to Cansfield they will see very significant and exciting changes to the school.

Thanks again and if you feel you need to contact me for anything please email me direct at g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk.

Best wishes,



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