



# CANSFIELD

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16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We have finally reached the end of a very bizarre academic year and when we get to September your children will formally become part of the Cansfield community. Over the last month we have personally dropped off transition packs at your houses, had phone calls with parents and given many of you tours of the school. In the process of this I am hoping that you have all received some kind of personalised interaction with the school. I hope what has been evident is that we are hugely excited about September and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children. In advance of September I wanted to ensure that you got some key messages.

## **Reducing anxieties relating to transition**

The transition to secondary school is always a trying time, all the more so following a four month closure of schools to control a worldwide pandemic. Many of you who feel you have needed an enhanced transition programme have already been in touch and we have arranged meetings with staff, personalised tours etc. If over summer you become concerned that your child is becoming particularly anxious about the move to Cansfield, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do all we can to accommodate.

## **Getting ready for September 2020**

We are expecting to have a full return of all students and staff in September. My main priority, as ever, will be to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. Our provision will certainly include: a rigorously enforced one way system around the school to avoid unnecessary contact between members of our community, a limited lunch offer to ensure students can get into and out of the canteen as quickly as possible and an absolute focus on good hygiene practices and effective cleaning procedures throughout the school. In light of the continuous changing of Government advice (see the current debate around the use of facemasks, for instance) I will not be issuing a full overview of the provision that we will be putting in place until nearer the time. A week before the September start, when we have a clearer picture of the situation, I will be writing a further letter to parents and carers and another letter directly to students outlining the provision that we will have in place and how the return to school will work. This letter will be sent home via Royal Mail and uploaded on our website. For now, please rest assured that we will be doing everything that we can to minimise any risk of transmission within school. If you have any particular concerns in the meantime, please feel free to email me.

## **Uniform for September 2020**

Just a quick reminder that we intend to return to school in September 2020 with students wearing full uniform as normal. Our uniform guidance can be found on the website and you are very welcome to email or ring in if you have any queries.

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I will be in touch again towards the end of August. Any queries in the meantime please feel free to email me at [g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk). I hope you have a lovely holiday and we look forward to welcoming you in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GB', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Geoff Baker,  
Headteacher.