

17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final update for this academic year. As there is still a great deal of information which we need to confirm regarding the full reopening of the school in September, there will be further updates over the summer break including a summer mailing.

### **Full re-opening for students in all year groups from the start of the Autumn Term 2020**

Following the publication of the latest government guidance, the school has been working hard to plan a full re-opening for students in all year groups from the start of term in September. In order to meet the requirements of this guidance and the DfE's 'system of controls', the school will have to operate in a fundamentally different way. We will be sharing further details once we have received the additional guidance from the DfE but our initial planning is as follows:

- The school will be zoned and each year group will be located in a specific zone of the school for their lessons
- Year groups will operate as 'bubbles; students that will be taught in 'bubbles' and their movement around the school will be minimised
- The start and end times of the school day may be slightly modified
- Year 7 & Year 12 will return for postponed induction days on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- The rest of the school (Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13) will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Whilst we await further guidance from the DfE, due in August, we will be updating our Risk Assessment and a copy will be posted on our website once this has been ratified by our Governing Body.

For the health, safety and welfare of all members of our community the school will have to operate in a very different way; we will circulate revised protocols and we would be grateful if you could discuss these with your child/children before they return to school for the new academic year.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received from the school community. On behalf of the Governing Body and the RPHS staff, thank you very much for the kind words of encouragement and appreciation. I'd also like to thank you for providing us with comments that have enabled us to improve our provision.

As we come to the end of the most challenging and extraordinary school year ever, I would like to place on record my thanks to all members of the RPHS community for their hard work, resilience and generosity of spirit. I have heard so many stories of students and staff going above and beyond expectations in their support for each other. It is truly a privilege to be the Headteacher of RPHS.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September and we will continue to update you on our plans that will ensure the school is as safe as possible. In the meantime, you may wish to read our Summer Term Newsletter, which will be published on Monday, to hear about life at RPHS during lockdown.

Sending you our very best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Best regards,

*K. Heard*

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