

Head Teacher: Donna Walker

13th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware the Government released guidance on 2nd July 2020 stating that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school from the beginning of the autumn term. As a school we have been working hard on arrangements for your children returning to school in September.

All **Y11** pupils at Pallion will return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**, inductions will take place for all **Y10** pupils in the **first week**, individual appointments will be scheduled in the last week of the Summer holidays.

We want to reassure you that the safety of our pupils and staff remain paramount at all times and this has led us to put the following arrangements in place.

For the first half term:

All pupils in Y10 and Y11 will be placed in 'bubbles' of between 4-6 pupils, these pupils will have a dedicated Teaching Assistant to support to your child in lessons. Every bubble will attend for 2 hours, have lessons in English, Maths, Science and Citizenship, each having staggered start and finish times. This will also be supplemented by additional resources on our online platform with Century Learning. Outside of these times, school staff will also take part in daily Virtual Check in sessions through Microsoft Teams Live to ensure your child has all the support they need.

All pupils will be provided with a school laptop to ensure they are able to access Century Learning and Microsoft Teams.

Assuming there are no further lockdowns (local or national) we aim to offer a full curriculum including options and master classes after the October half term,

Pupils will leave school at 12.30pm every Friday (packed lunches will be provided for those pupils on FSM) to allow time for the school to be thoroughly deep cleaned.



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On arrival to school, pupils in each key stage will enter their own entrances and asked to use the hand sanitiser. There will be regular cleaning throughout the day and children will be encouraged to maintain good hand washing hygiene.

Class rooms will be cleaned between each lesson.

For those pupils who are entitled to FSM, they will be provided with a packed lunch, as they arrive or leave.

Free School Meals Vouchers

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period. The Link School will be issuing one £90 voucher to families to cover the summer holidays, you will receive this voucher during the last week of term. In addition, we will continue to support you with food parcel deliveries at the end of term, week three and week six of the summer holidays.

As this year draws to a close, I can't begin to try and describe how a global pandemic has changed the world as we know it. However, I want to say how grateful I am to have the most amazing staff who have gone above and beyond during the last 5 months to ensure that we as a school have been able to be there for you throughout this time.

I am proud to be the Head Teacher of this school with such supportive parents and carers and without you all we couldn't have created the school community we have and will continue to do so moving forward.

I hope you all are able to enjoy the Summer holidays and as a school, we will continue to support you and your families moving forward, so don't be afraid to ask if you require any further help or information. We look forward to seeing you all back in September.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

Donna

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Hawker".

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