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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I do hope you have managed to have a good summer with your children even if the usual activities and foreign holidays have been curtailed. Following my last letter to you in July, I write once again to give some small updates to the procedures within this previous letter and that we will be operating from September.

Break and lunchtime—After receiving three emails on this aspect of the plan from parents concerned about the duration of these and one which wanted their child to be outside for the lunch and break period, we have managed to increase the duration of these break and lunchtime by 5 minutes to 15 minutes each without impacting upon a reduction in lesson time.

We have maintained the decision to hold these breaks within their contact groups and in classrooms following our survey to all parents whereby 78% of respondents indicated that they wanted their child to have the reduced break and lunchtime within a classroom rather than mixing outside with other contact groups.

Lesson times and break and lunch periods

Lesson	Time
Lesson 1	8.30-9.30am
Lesson 2	9.30-10.30am
1st Break	10.30-10.45am
Lesson 3	10.45-11.45am
Lesson 4	11.45-12.45pm
2nd Break	12.45-1.00pm
Lesson 5	1.00pm-2.00pm

Following a review of the government guidance we have also decided not to take learners temperatures on entry but still to maintain the supervised and segregated entry and staggered exit from the school to reduce the potential for contact groups to mix.

Please also be reminded that we will not be sharing or loaning equipment to learners and therefore they will need to bring basic equipment to school as outlined in our equipment list on our website and sent out to new learners.

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It was interesting to also find from our survey in relation to face coverings that 87% of parents wanted their children to wear one. As a school we encourage this and would like to see learners wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors and assembly spaces. Staff will also be doing this and will be switching to visors in lessons as they did for the check in catch up and prepare sessions.

For the time being, this is all that I have to update you on but would ask once again that you read my previous detailed letter and look forward to working with you once the new term gets underway. Please be assured that we will be continually reviewing how we operate as new guidance is released and we explore new ways of working in these unprecedented times.

Reminder of phased start to the new school year.

Tuesday 1st	Year 6 into 7 transition
Wednesday 2nd	Year 6 into 7 transition
Thursday 3rd	Year 6 into 7 transition & Year 8
Friday 4th	Year 6 into 7 transition & Year 8

Monday 7th	Repurposing day 1-Staff prepare their classrooms with site staff and organise any additional resources
Tuesday 8th	Repurposing day 2-Staff prepare their classrooms with site staff and organise any additional resources
Wednesday 9th	Year 7, 8 12 & 13
Thursday 10th	7, 8, 9 12, 13
Friday 11th	7, 8, 9 10, 11, 12 13

Monday 14th	All year groups in
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Stay safe



Mr Jarvis
Headteacher

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