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Dear Parent / Carer,

### Parental Update 1

This is just a short housekeeping update ahead of everybody returning on Monday.

The staff returned to school yesterday and have been undergoing two INSET Days in preparation for the return of the students on Monday. We are excited to welcome the students back after what we hope was an enjoyable break.

This term will, however, be different to previous years (though I think we are starting to get used to different since Mar 2020), due to the building work that is taking place on site. Obviously, our priority is to ensure the safety of all staff and students whilst this work is going on. This will mean some changes of routine for Monday and some medium-term changes until the work is complete.

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

When the students arrive, they will wait outside on the main field/yard area (Years 8-11) or in the Performing Arts yard (Year 7). Please don't worry about which entrance your child comes in, as staff will be there to guide them. I would, however, encourage students not to arrive too early. From Tuesday onwards, students will be allowed in as normal when the school opens.

#### Dropping Off/Parking (at start and end of the day)

Please note that now our Mill Brow entrance has new automatic gates, there will be **no vehicle access** to the site for parents - **students should be dropped off away from the school**. The same applies when they are being collected. I will also make my regular plea to try to pick up/drop off well away from the school gates to prevent congestion and any risk to students.

#### Inclement Weather/Shelter

The building work has removed access to some of our covered/sheltered areas around the site. This is less of an issue on dry sunny days but may become problematic if the weather changes and deteriorates. Obviously in very cold or wet weather we have contingency plans to bring students inside at lunch, however, these are for exceptional circumstances. For most of the time, the students, as you and I did when we were at school, will spend part of their break/lunch outdoors so I would encourage them to come in weather appropriate clothing on top of their uniform as the term progresses.

#### Break and Lunchtime Arrangements

The actual dining space is still accessible but we are building in additional time for us to get students in and out. Therefore, Year 8 will start their break times at 10.40am and Year 7 will start lunch at 12.50pm. All other students will start at normal times (10.50am and 1.10pm)

**End of the Day**

To ease congestion coming out of the building at the end of the day, some parts of the school will finish lessons at 2.55pm and the rest at 3pm. This will be a big help in easing congestion but shouldn't make much difference to the students leaving the site or getting to their buses or lifts. There are many more additional changes we have had to put in place for movement around the school and these, along with this information, will be shared with the students on the first day.

I will write again next week to update you on the first full week, but until then, I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

**Andrew Rannard**  
(Headteacher)