



19th August 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following my letter on 15th July, I am writing to provide further confirmation about our plans for re-opening in September.

We continue to carefully follow government announcements and schools have been instructed to fully re-open in September. At Highfields we will open as follows:

- **Thursday 3rd September** – school will be open as usual
- **Friday 4th September** – school will now open as usual – we had been asked to close in the afternoon for a council meeting but this has since been cancelled
- **Monday 7th September onwards** – school will be open as usual

I have attached the dates for the entire academic year and the usual times of the school day.

We will have a number of measures in place to try make Highfields safer in terms of infection, this includes:

- KS3 and KS4 are working in completely separate buildings (as usual).
- Reorganisation of the Main Building to promote better separation between Y10 and Y11, which will *to some extent* reduce the risk of infection across year groups.
- Different start and end times for KS3 and KS4 (as usual)
- Social distancing markers on corridors and foyer areas to encourage all users of our building to be mindful of personal space.
- The use of an ‘amber sticker’ system for staff, students and visitors who are feeling particularly vulnerable and want others to be extra mindful around social distancing.
- Face masks are available for staff and students – we will not permit students to bring their own masks and if students wish to use a mask, please can you contact us ahead.
- Improved handwashing areas in toilets.
- Cleaning wipes available across the building.
- Employing professional cleaning companies to maintain the buildings.
- A new General Infection Control Policy which sets out the high standards we will work to – this can be found on our website.

If you have any specific queries about your son / daughter, we have the following staff ready to respond in the first instance. This includes sharing any new medical information which may make them vulnerable to infection. It also includes queries about reduced timetables etc.

Please contact Ms Fletcher for Year 10 / Year 11 queries:

- 0161 406 7922 / Lisa.Fletcher@hip.stockport.sch.uk

Please contact Mrs Lewis for Year 7 / 8 / 9 queries:

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Kind regards,

Mr Grant, Headteacher