

Monday 06 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

The Government released guidance last week for the full opening of schools from September. This has confirmed that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the Autumn term. There is an expectation that children will resume a full educational experience.

The School Leadership are working on various scenarios for the full return of pupils to schools. Our thinking, current Covid-19 experiences and government guidance are now being drawn together in to planning for September as we assess the risks and complexities of the situation.

Implementing measures to create a safe environment remains a central focus of the guidance but it is clear that some of the existing measures we have grown used to this term may change

This next phase will be the most challenging as we move from around 25% children attending school each day to 100% in 8 weeks' time. We are working closely with Aquila Trust, the Diocese and KCC to try and meet the needs of our children as best we can.

We are in great discussion across the school to ensure we can provide the best provision possible, within the guidelines set. We are firming up our plans for the end of term and the beginning of the Autumn Term to support the transition of children as best we can. Of course, there will be changes and restrictions in place, but we will endeavour to do our best to meet the needs of the children.

Any plans we share, will of course be 'subject to change' as the situation develops of guidance and advice changes. We aim to be able to share more details of these plans later in the week, circumstances dependant.

## **Guidance for Schools**

www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-thecoronavirusoutbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

Amongst this guidance it suggests schools consider such issues as staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school, staggered lunches and break times, managing PPA and curriculum provision.

## **Summer Free School Meal Vouchers**

We have been reminded that vouchers must be ordered through the Edenred system at least one week before term ends. It is also understood that the vouchers issued by the national system are now likely to have their expiration date shortened from two months to one.

Take Care, Stay Safe.

Yours sincerely, The School Leadership Team