

Chace Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer term, I would like once again welcome you and your child during this difficult time. We appreciate how hard this has been for families and recognise how crucial the intervention of parents and carers has been to motivate and inspire the children.

All of us at Chace are very much looking forward to meeting your child and to see the children returning to school in September.

I was keen to write to all parents to briefly outline plans for our return to school in September. There is a lot of information to share here, and I will attempt to keep it as brief as possible. More detailed information will be sent to you as we approach key dates.

Curriculum plans to recover lost learning time

We recognise that students have missed out on a significant amount of formal learning over the last few months both in primary and secondary schools. We have been working hard to review our curriculum offer to ensure that what we teach in September makes up for lost time. The government has promised significant sums of money to schools to help students catch up. When we receive details of this funding we will be ensuring that the additional funding is focussed on the students' individual needs. In the meantime, we know that reading is crucial to successes at GCSE and beyond, so we encourage everyone to **keep reading over the summer**.

Plans for September

On Thursday last week, the government outlined its plans for all students to return to school in September and we very much welcome this development. The first draft of guidance from the government about a September return can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=572d62e4-ce85-4056-8338-e87b1cbaf0c5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

We will be working hard to update our school risk assessment with our own plans at Chace to ensure the safest possible way to ensure that all students return to school daily in September. I will be writing with details closer to the time but plans are likely to include:

- All members of the community engaging in the testing and track and trace procedures
- Encouraging good hygiene
- Encouraging staff to socially distance from each other and students whenever possible
- Staggering break and lunch times to reduce movement around school



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- Encouraging students to socially distance when possible and aiming to keep students in year group bubbles
- Staggered starts and ends to the school day for year groups using more than one entrance
- Zoning outside areas for year groups
- Introducing one-way systems in school
- Reducing our catering offer to just packed lunches
- Staggered starts and ends to break and lunch times
- Temporarily removing one of the registration periods to further reduce movement
- Virtual assemblies presented remotely in form rooms
- Re-rooming some lessons to further reduce movement

At Chace, we all very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school and getting back to a normal as possible approach to learning.
I do hope that you all remain safe and well throughout the Summer and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D Bruton'.

Daniel Bruton
HEADTEACHER