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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 7 to 10 pupils back to school tomorrow, for what looks to be a period of much improved weather at last!

Now that Year 11 have finished, and we therefore have more space in school, we have taken the opportunity to make some changes to the way in which we organise the school day. Specifically this is to give all pupils the opportunity to take part in practical subjects in specialist rooms (Art, Music, Design Technology and PE), something that we feel will be of benefit and enjoyment to pupils for this final half term. We have also 'reset' the school by moving all year groups to different 'zones' to give a change of scenery for all. All this has been done with risk assessments being updated and revised with the Local Authority Health and Safety Team.

When pupils arrive in school tomorrow they will need to report to their usual outside 'zone' when the 8:25am bell sounds. Form tutors will meet their forms in these outside 'zones' and escort pupils to their new form tutor rooms. During form time pupils will be given a new paper copy of their timetable, which will be in place for the rest of the term, and be given information on how the new arrangements will work day to day.

For the rest of this term pupils are required to wear the school summer uniform. As we are returning to use of PE changing rooms pupils are to bring their PE to school on PE days and will change for their lessons.

We are continuing to operate a pre ordering system for school meals so food will need to be ordered online in advance the day before as was the case before half term.

It is still strongly recommended that face coverings are worn at all times, particularly inside, so we would encourage all pupils to bring a face covering with them each day. We would also remind you that lateral flow testing, for those who have consented, are to continue on Sunday evenings/Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings/Thursday mornings. Any positive lateral flow test results should be notified to us in the usual way, and the positive case must self-isolate in line with public health requirements.

Yours sincerely

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