

13th July 2020

Dear families

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the recent weeks. As Partners in Learning, we are proud of how families and school staff have worked together over the recent challenging months to continue as one school community even when we have physically not been able to be together.

It has been very pleasing to be able to offer all families a Meet Your Coach appointment before the summer break and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child and their progression into the new academic year.

I am writing to update you on our plans for the summer break and the start of the autumn term. As you will appreciate, these plans are subject to change and we wanted to share with you the information that we currently have and the plans that we are making to continue restoring our school community safely and effectively.

Summer term

All families will have been invited to attend a MYCD appointment and we hope that you take up this opportunity to meet with your child's coach as well as collect the summer activity and guidance pack to support your child over the summer break.

Summer break

We are running a series of events for pupils who have not yet had chance to spend time with their peers in school. The RESTORE events for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y7 and Y8 will focus on community building and a range of activities that will allow the pupils to transition smoothly in September as we return as a full school community. Please ensure you have registered your attendance for these events if you would like your child to take part.

As part of a successful Leeds Learning Alliance bid for additional funding, we will also be running a series of Healthy Holiday activities, involving a range of summer activities and support in conjunction with Wetherby High School and Bankside Primary School.

Additionally, we are excited to welcome our new Reception cohort to our "Stay and Play days" in August when they will have a chance to visit their new school, meet their classmates and our staff.

We are also looking forward to our Transition school for our new Year 7 children in August when we will be able to welcome this new cohort of children into CMCS ready for their September start in the secondary phase.

September return

We are very much looking forward to having all pupils back on site from September. This will bring with it changes to how the school day operates in order to meet Government safety guidelines. We are currently planning in order to meet the essential safety measures outlined in the Guidance, which include:

- *a requirement that people who are ill to stay at home*

- *robust hand and respiratory hygiene*
- *enhanced cleaning arrangements*
- *active engagement with NHS Test and Trace*
- *formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable*

To make the school as safe an environment as possible, pupils will remain in year group 'bubbles', often based within one learning base, moving together to access specialist teaching areas. We are committed to maintaining as broad and balanced a curriculum as possible but are aware that some changes are inevitable due to restrictions to movement around the school and due to the disruption caused by pupils being away from the school learning environment. To safely induct all pupils in to how we are using the school site from September, we will be staggering the start dates for each year group across the first week. We will thereby be able to support all our pupils reintegrate into the school environment and ensure they are clear about all safety measures. The start dates are as follows:

Primary Phase return

Monday 7th September	Reception Group 1, Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 8th September	Reception Group 1 and 2, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6
Wednesday 9th September	Reception Group 1 and 2, Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 10 th September	Reception Group 1 and 2, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

In order to facilitate an efficient start to the day, primary phase pupils will continue to have slightly modified start times. These are between 8.45am and 9.15am and 3.00pm and 3.30pm.

Secondary Phase return

Monday 7th September	Years 7 and 11
Tuesday 8th September	Years 7, 8, 10 and 11
Wednesday 9th September	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

The secondary phase will continue with the usual start times of 8.30am start for all year groups except for Monday when pupils need to be on site for 8.45am. There will be a small adjustment to the finish time on a Friday when the school day will finish at 2.30pm.

The plans outlined above are based on current Government guidance in place at the time of writing. We are facing a changing picture both locally and nationally, so these details may be subject to change in order to best meet the needs of our pupils. Any amendments to the above details will be communicated with you to provide as much notice as possible.

We will update you on whether breakfast and after school clubs will be running in both the primary and secondary phase and any additional information regarding transport.

Key dates

The school calendar has been significantly affected by the restrictions the school has to work within.

Below are dates for some of the key events in the calendar. These dates are subject to change depending on Government guidance:

Staff INSET days

9th October 2020
23rd November 2020
28th June 2021

Meet Your Coach days (1.30-7.00pm)

21st October 2020
10th February 2021
23rd June 2021

Parents Evenings (3.30-7.00pm)

Year 11 - 25th November 2020
Year 10 - 13th January 2021
Year 7 - 10th February 2021
Year 9 - 3rd March 2021
Year 8 - 24th March 2021

End of summer term - Friday 23rd July 2021

New admission arrangements/proposed catchments

Please be aware that from lunchtime on Wednesday 15th July there will be a link on the school's website to a public consultation on changes to the catchment areas for both Carr Manor Community School and Allerton High School. Our Governing Body discussed the proposal and voted to support these arrangements for the admission round of 2021 only.

The public consultation regarding these changes will run from Wednesday 15th July to Sunday 9 August. Full details of the proposals including maps and an online survey for you to provide a response, will be available on the school's and Council's websites; www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations from Wednesday 15th July. Alternatively, if you have any comments to make on the proposals, please forward them to educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk by **midnight on Sunday 9th August 2020**.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity say thank you for your patience and support over the past few months since the advent of C-19. This has been a particularly difficult time for all of us and it is a mark of the Carr Manor School community that we have maintained such strong relationships throughout and been able to work together so effectively.

We hope you have a lovely summer break.

Yours sincerely



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