



FAMILY NEWSLETTER 15th July 2020

Dear Families

As I write the last newsletter of this academic year, it gives me cause to reflect on what has been the most unusual term in my teaching career. Although it has been a challenging time our school community remains strong and staff have relished the strengthening bonds and communication we have had with you. We have loved seeing all your home learning photos and seeing you in person if you have been in school.

Medicines

If we have medication in school for your child, and they are not accessing onsite provision currently then we will continue to keep their medication at school through the summer holidays, unless you contact school to say you wish to collect it. If your child is accessing school then we will aim to send any medication home with them in the usual way.

Message from Ruchi

Following on from my letter last week, I am pleased to be able to share our updated guidance for September following further advice from the local authority and in line with other Special School colleagues.

Key things to note:

- Students will be based in their new class groups and the bubbles will cover the Key Stage, so that students have break and lunch times with a reduced number of peers but still benefit from social opportunities linked to their EHCP provisions; due to the staggered lunch times, some students will eat in class and some in the dining hall
- Timetables have been created by teachers to ensure a full Recovery curriculum, keeping students in their class groups and really focusing on reducing anxiety, rebuilding relationships and engaging students in a range of enjoyable, stimulating activities to support their overall wellbeing and development
- We have sent transport our bubbles and they are working hard to do as much as they can to keep students within Key Stages, but this may not always be possible; they will however ensure strict hygiene measures on transport
- In line with Government & local NHS guidance, face masks will only be worn for undertaking care activities that have always required the use of a mask; staff will follow normal practices when carrying out personal care.
- After school club will not run for the 1st half term, so we can focus on supporting the pupils getting back into school full time and continue to manage our bubbles in school.

Just to re-iterate, students are expected to return full time and both local and Government instruction to schools is that attendance expectations and protocols resume from

September. We very much look forward to welcoming all our young people back to school and whilst we know this will be a big change for many we also know that they welcome the structure of school and often surprise us with how well they readjust to school life!

Warm wishes, Ruchi

Summer Holidays

A reminder that school will be closed over the summer holidays as we need time for planned maintenance works and reorganisation in preparation for September.

If you need to be in contact over the summer then please still do continue to use the contact details below, these will all be monitored regularly over the holiday. Responses to you may not be as swift as during term time but be reassured that anyone who does make contact will be replied to. We will be in contact with you all at some point over the summer holiday when we have firmer plans and guidance about September.

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Next Term: Just a reminder that the last day of term is Tuesday 21st July and we welcome pupils back on Monday 7th September.

To our leavers: What a pleasure it has been to know each of you over the years. I wish you all happiness and all the best for your future.

It has been a privilege to be Granta's interim head for the last half term of this academic year. The support from colleagues and families has been and continues to be incredible. I will be back in the role of Deputy Head from September and look forward to catching up with you then.

Best wishes

Sarah