

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear All,

## Re: Year 7 Return to Beeston – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

I hope the following will help answer any questions you or your Son/Daughter may have concerning the return of Year 7 pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Apologies for the very 'list' like information.

Drop-off will be outside the Link between 8.45 am and 9.00 am. The car park is not in use at present so parents should simply drive up the main drive and drop children off in front of the original front door, to encourage a 'kiss and go' operation. Parents should not be leaving their cars. Those on the bus or are travelling with a younger sibling will fall in with those routines.

On arrival at the Link children should sanitise their hands and then enter the sports hall and sit at a desk that Mr Leaver will give you. This will be your desk for both days and you may not sit at anybody else's desk. Wandering around the school is not allowed.

Social Distancing rules are in place which means under current guidelines you should remain two metres away from everybody else at all times. Your desks will be set up to replicate this distance.

There is no borrowing or sharing allowed therefore you should bring in a pencil case with a wide range of equipment in it. It would be useful if you could also bring some drawing and colouring pens/pencils, a pair of safety scissors and a reading book.

Mr Leaver will then explain procedures and activities on Thursday morning, including the one-way system, what the new fire drill procedure is, as well as all the protocols to ensure maximum possible hygiene and safety.

You (Year 7) are considered as a 'bubble' and you will have your own two portaloos that you will use if you need to. These are located by the double gates at the end of the Swimming Pool. You may not use any other toilets on the school site, as they are all being used by other bubbles.

You should come in casual clothes (appropriate to the weather) and trainers. Please bring a tennis racket with you so that during your breaks (which will be staggered from other year groups breaks) you can play tennis if you wish. Your break time 'area' will be the grassy area at the end of the sports hall. Where you are welcome to just sit and chat as long as you recognise the need for social distancing. There will be staff supervising break times to ensure that social distancing takes place.

You should also bring a water bottle, sun cream and cap with you, as we don't want anybody getting dehydrated and sun burnt!

There will be snacks provided in the morning and afternoon and you will have your lunch on the grass outside of the double sports hall doors. This will be delivered to the hall as the dining room is currently not in use.

There will be different 'bubbles' of children spread out in different parts of the school grounds having lunch and playing. You are not allowed to mix with other bubbles. You might have a brother or sister in another bubble however, you may not mix with them whilst on the school site.

Your pick-up time will be 4.15 pm – 4.30 pm and your parent should pull up in front of the school and we will then release you to your parents' car. Parents are not permitted to get out of their cars on site.

I know this is all very, very different from the lovely 'normal' Beeston life that we all enjoy so much. However, sadly these are the circumstances that we find ourselves in at present and hence it is really important that we all follow the rules and do our bit to keep everyone on site safe. It is not quite as bad as it sounds but it is vital we do this.

Please think ahead of any items you may think you have left at school. We can hopefully track them down, put them into a plastic bag and return them to you (with gloves on).

If you have a school Chromebook at home, please bring it with you on Thursday and it will be disinfected and returned to Mr Leaver.

I am truly delighted that we have been able to get you back on site for a couple of days and I really hope that you enjoy being back. This is not the Summer Term that any of us wanted however, I know that being back amongst your friends is vitally important. Enjoy these two days and let's hope that things are a little more normal in September.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Best wishes,

R Hammond

Mr Hammond Deputy Head Pastoral

