



July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Pupils returning to school in September

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in September and have taken every precaution to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible.

The school has a clear plan in place to ensure that all pupils continue to receive a high quality education that enables them to thrive and progress.

The government has advised that attendance at school from September will once again become compulsory. The guidance from the autumn term means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply including:

- ***Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where they are a registered pupil and they are of compulsory school age***
- ***Schools' responsibilities to record and follow up absence***
- ***The availability to the local authority to issue sanctions resulting in prosecution for poor school attendance.***

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend school in line with public health advice. In these circumstances absence from school will not be penalised.

We will work closely with students, parents and agencies to support your child's return to school. A text message has been sent out asking parents to contact school if your child was feeling anxious about returning. Identified students have been invited into school for a taster session. Please refer to the attendance policy on the Academy Website if you have any queries regarding procedures.

This has been a difficult experience for everyone and we recognise there may be anxieties and worries but we feel a swift return to the Academy will be beneficial for all students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Merron'.

Tracey Merron,

Attendance Manager.