

26th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now seeing yet more relaxing of the Covid-19 restrictions and whatever your personal feeling is about this, the huge positive is staff get to see more pupils in school and their communities. We are expecting more detail from the government next week in regards to what September opening will look like. We are working on the basis (and hoping very much) that everyone will be back in school and when we are given the details I will share them with you.

Over the week I have read some very positive descriptions of pupil visits including “ready at the door beaming”, “chatted non-stop to staff and peers” and “literally fell out of the front door with excitement” which is great to see. Nearly all of the pupils who have been in school have managed the significant changes and both staff and families have been brilliant at responding to any issues and making necessary tweaks to plans.

From next Monday, June 29th, **if you normally pay for school dinners please send in money with your child if they require a school meal.** Norse are back in the building providing our catering and meals now need to be paid for. For those of you receiving free school meals the situation remains unchanged.

We think it's really important for all pupils to start to get a sense of returning to some normality and also to see friends and bring this school year to a close so we are finalising plans to mark the Mill Water ending for our leavers. Saying farewell in these circumstances is not what any of us would have wished for but we hope the weather will be kind when we finalise the date and look forward to seeing as many of our leavers as possible, even if it is in these strange times. Some of you may want a formal academic year ending for your child so we will be offering a variety of ways for our pupils to experience this.

Thank you for your continued patience and messages of support for the school. Your comments are greatly appreciated.



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