

13 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well during this unprecedented time. As I'm sure you are aware, the government have announced that all students will be expected to return to school in September. We are therefore reviewing all of our procedures in line with the government guidance to ensure that school is as safe as possible when this happens. The secondary school guidance is based on the use of year group bubbles and all aspects of school life will be carried out within these bubbles. Every year group will therefore be based in one part of the school for all of their lessons to ensure that year groups do not mix. The different year groups will be based in the following areas:

- Year 7 – Mathematics
- Year 8 – Humanities/Languages
- Year 9 – Science
- Year 10 – English
- Year 11 – Option areas

Our school day will also have to change to accommodate students starting and ending the day at different times and to allow us to have different breaks and lunches for all of our year groups. Please see the information below for start and end times and the entrance/exit students should use:

- Year 7 – Student entrance 8.30am – 2.35pm
- Year 8 – Visitor/Staff entrance 8.30am – 2.40pm
- Year 9 – Student entrance 8.40am – 2.45pm
- Year 10 – Visitor/Staff entrance 8.40am – 2.50pm
- Year 11 – Student entrance – 8.50am – 2.55pm

Some classrooms will also look a little different to normal as all desks now have to face the front of the room.

Here are some of the other changes we will have in place:

- Cleaners on site during the day to ensure the school is kept as clean as possible at all times.
- Sanitising stations in every area of the school. Students will also be asked to sanitise/wash their hands on entering and exiting the building. This will be also be expected at numerous times during the day.
- All adults to undergo temperature checks before entering the building.
- All adults to practise social distancing.

Students will return to school from Tuesday 8 September on a phased basis starting with year 7 who will begin their first day at 8.40am (every other day will begin at 8.30am). The other year groups will return on the following days at the times stated above:

Wednesday 9 September – Year 11
Thursday 10 September – Years 9 and 10
Friday 11 September – Year 8

Students should bring their own water bottle into school where possible as our water fountains will not be in use due to the risks involved. Students should also bring their own stationery equipment into school and this should not be shared with anyone else. If a student does not have an item that is required, this will be provided by the school and the student will keep this item – we will not ask for this to be returned.

Unfortunately the majority of extra-curricular clubs will not be able to take place however we will try to accommodate some specific year group activities where possible.

Breakfast Club (8am – 8.30am) will restart on Monday 14 September however this will only be open to students in years 7 and 8.

Full uniform will be expected for all students. If you have any issues with regard to ensuring your child is wearing full uniform, please contact school and we may be able to help. Emails sent to the school email address info@jarrowschool.com will be checked regularly throughout the summer holiday.

The health and safety of students and staff is our number one priority and our risk assessment is currently being reviewed in line with the new guidance. This will be available on the home page of our website under coronavirus updates before we return in September and this will give greater detail on the procedures that will be in place. In line with this, if any student does not adhere to the strict behaviour and safety guidelines we have in place, then parents will be contacted and the relevant procedures will be followed.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J. Gillies
Head Teacher