

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Coronavirus - School update**

As expected, the Prime Minister has recently made announcements about the further easing of lockdown measures in England, with the relaxation of the 2-metre social distancing rules and changes in advice to anyone shielding etc. At this point, these changes have not affected anything currently in place at school and we continue to implement the strict Department for Education (DfE) guidance on safety and hygiene.

Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary also announced last week that all pupils in all year groups in England will go back to school full-time in September and over the coming weeks the DfE will publish further information and guidance to help schools prepare for a full return. We are therefore working on the assumption that The Park School will be open to all pupils from the start of the autumn term. We fully expect there to be restrictions or additional safety measures in some form and as the DfE announces these, we will keep you informed.

If you are still planning to take an overseas holiday over the summer break, please be mindful of the current government guidance around quarantining for 14 days on your return. If this guidance remains during the summer holidays and you are going overseas at the end of the 6-week break this will delay your child's return to school. If this affects your child, please can you contact the school office so that we can update our information.

### **Year 11 Record of Achievement**

On the last two Fridays we have held Record of Achievement events for our Y11 students. With half the year group at a time we were able to present each student with their Record of Achievement and mark the end of their time at The Park. We also presented our Y11 Trophies, with Nicolas Matias being awarded Student of the Year. It was wonderful to see so many Y11s able to come back to see each other and celebrate their time at school. We will be putting together a video of the highlights of both events and posting that in the gallery on our website.

### **Governors at The Park**

At the start of the summer term a new Local Governing Body was started at The Park. The Governors were recommended by Weydon Multi Academy Trust and form the local part of the trusts governance arrangements. In due course we will be appointing additional parent and staff governors. I have listed our new governors and their roles below:

- Ralph Johnson - Chair
- David Euridge - Pupil Premium
- Toby Franklin - Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND)
- Jo Green - Child Protection/Safeguarding / Children Looked After (CLA)
- Vicki Nixon - Whistleblowing governor

### **Student learning in school and at home**

We have enjoyed having students back in school in their learning 'Bubbles'. We have been impressed with the way students have adapted to the new arrangements, with limited movement and regular handwashing. We are also continuing to provide Home Learning for students who are at home and we will continue with our weekly welfare calls until the end of term. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions, we are unable to arrange our usual end of year events. However, we are hoping to mark the end of the academic year with a recorded assembly that will be available to view on our website.



Paul Walsh  
Headteacher

## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Summer Term 2020

Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of term

### Autumn Term 2020

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Sep

INSET 1

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep

Y7 Orientation Day (Only Y7 in school)

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep

Year 8-11 return to school at 9am

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct

HALF TERM

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>/Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

WMAT Late November Break

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Prize giving assemblies

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

End of term 12 noon

### Spring Term 2021

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

INSET 2

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

Students return to school at 9am

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Feb

HALF TERM

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Prize giving assemblies

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr

Break up at 12 noon

### Summer Term 2021

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

Students return to school at 9am

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May

May Bank holiday

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> Jun

HALF TERM

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jul

Prize giving assemblies

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July

Break up at 12 noon

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

INSET 3-5