



15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Coronavirus Update 43

When I came to number this latest letter I saw that it is four weeks since I wrote the last update. The length of that interval must be one more hint that the situation is improving, if only slowly.

This improvement allows us to go ahead with the more relaxed scheme which I described in Coronavirus Update 42. From next Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, our students will cease to spend their day within a single zone. They will move across the site from classroom to classroom in a way that their predecessors have taken for granted. The daily pattern of subjects on their timetables will not change, but the location of the lessons almost certainly will.

The teaching staff are delighted that they will, at last, be able to use specialised rooms set out to meet the needs of their particular subject. Some of our students have been without these opportunities for far too long. Many of Year 8, in fact, have never once been in some of these important facilities.

On Friday each student will receive a new copy of their timetable, revised to show the different rooms where the lessons will be taught.

Certain familiar restrictions will remain. Classrooms will continue to be set out in as socially distanced a manner as space permits. Students will be assigned a regular seat so that we can, should a new case of COVID be reported, reliably trace the close contacts. Crowding in corridors will be minimised and the fine weather will allow more of the movement between lessons to take place outside. In any case the departure of Years 11 and 13 means that we have about 360 fewer students moving around the site each day.

Please note that arrangements for wearing PE kit remain the same. The changing rooms will shortly be in the hands of contractors as we have received a grant to upgrade them.

On the same day Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June the timings of the school day will alter slightly, moving to the pattern that we shall have in the school year 2021 – 2022.

The school day will be:

8.50	Morning registration	12.20	Lesson 4
9.00	Lesson 1	1.20	Lunch
10.00	Lesson 2	1.50	Tutor Time/Assembly
11.00	Break	2.10	Lesson 5
11.15	Lesson 3	3.10	End of school

Yours sincerely,

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