



Our Ref: MLD/GJW

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: First day arrangements**

Healing School and all staff are looking forward to welcoming back your child to school in September 2020, however please note that arrangements for the first day of the new academic year will differ slightly to a normal school day.

This year, **on the first day of term only (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020)** we are running a staggered start time for pupils in different year groups. This will enable us to meet and greet pupils as well as outline new procedures and expectations clearly, whilst maintaining year group bubbles and therefore fully complying with guidelines. Please ensure that your child does not arrive more than 5 minutes before their allotted time to help us comply with guidance and avoid mixing pupil year group bubbles. **On the first day only**, we ask that pupils arrive at school and assemble in the following areas, as detailed in the grid below:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8.30am East Hall	9am West Hall Annexe	9.30am East Hall	10am West Hall Annexe	10.30am East Hall

Please be reassured that assemblies with single year groups are permitted in accordance with government guidance and the chairs will be cleaned after use, before the next group of pupils enter the relevant hall. Pupils will be registered on arrival in their hall and then be dismissed in tutor groups for the remainder of the morning session. The afternoon session will consist of timetabled lessons.

Please be reminded that as per the school's initial September re-opening letter, the Low Road entrance gate to the school will remain locked until further notice. On arrival on the first day, pupils should not enter the school building, but should wait to be admitted to their relevant hall once the Senior Leadership Team deem it is safe to do so, following cleaning. Staff will be on hand during the morning session and in the event of bad weather to guide pupils to their appropriate designated wet area, as detailed on the school's initial letter, where they should wait before entering the assembly room.

Please note that the school continues to liaise with school transport companies, who are able to support these staggered timing arrangements for the first day. Specific timing information will be confirmed by the bus companies in August once all school transport applications have been processed. Therefore, once the transport companies are in receipt of this information, the school will email parents/carers with specific timing information before the start of the Autumn term.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to seeing your child again in September.

Your sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland  
Principal