



Our Ref: MLD/GJW

September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Welcome back

Firstly, it is a pleasure to see pupils back at Healing School – the last few months have been very strange, but it is lovely to see the school return to the usual happy environment we foster. The pupils' response to new guidelines and procedures has been second-to-none and on behalf of the senior team and all staff, please thank your child for their mature approach to our return.

Please be aware that despite usual events scheduled in the school calendar, it is highly likely that for the first term at least, these will take place in another format: virtually, online or via telephone. As part of the school's approach to covid-19 and updated procedures, no external visitors are allowed on site (other than professional/educational visitors). Therefore, parental visits to the school are not permitted in the short-term, unless previously arranged, and all communication with the school should take place via email (office@healing-school.co.uk), telephone (01472 502400) or letter. In the event of your child forgetting something required for that day, please communicate with the school office to arrange a suitable appointment to drop this off.

Please also be reminded that the revolve machines in school for topping up lunch accounts are not in use and the school will not accept cash until further notice. It is requested that all parents/carers use ParentPay to top-up your child's lunch account. If you are unable to log onto ParentPay, please contact the school's finance department for assistance (finance@healing-school.co.uk/ 01472 502400).

Furthermore, please be informed of updated government guidance regarding action if anyone (including parents/carers and pupils) develops symptoms of coronavirus. Currently, symptoms are: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough, a loss of change to your sense of smell or taste. Should your child and anyone they live with show any of these symptoms, [a test should be booked and completed](#). The pupil should remain at home until they receive the results and as per guidance, the school should be informed immediately of the result of the test.



During the last few days and after some consideration, the school asks that any pupils travelling on school transport should wear face coverings. This is to ensure that all of the excellent work undertaken throughout the day to separate year groups and maintain year group bubbles is not eradicated. Whilst the jurisdiction of school transport remains with Education Transport at the Local Authority and government guidance states that the wearing of face coverings on school transport is not necessary, the school encourages pupils to do this and asks that from Monday 7th September 2020, if your child travels to and from school on a chartered bus, please ensure that they wear a facemask/covering on this journey. To further support the school's year group bubbles, year group zones will be marked at the front of school where pupils are asked to stand whilst waiting if they are being collected at the end of the day. However, as the front of school is very congested at the end of the day, the school advises parents/carers to arrange an alternative pick up point which is a short walk away from school, in order to minimise traffic on site and therefore reduce risk to pupils.

Finally, it is important to note that the school's behaviour policy has been updated this academic year. The addendum can be found on the school website using the following link: https://www.healing-school.co.uk/healingacademy/media/files/2020_behaviour_rewards_and_sanctions_policy_coronavirus_addendum.pdf. Please note particular changes to the detention procedure.

Thank you to you and your child once again for a smooth return to school this week. The responsibility shown by Healing School pupils is fantastic and fills staff with pride. We look forward to a full week with pupils next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland
Principal