

All Parents and Carers

2nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

As we draw closer to the end of the Summer Term, I appreciate that many of you will be anxious about what will happen over the summer and in September for your child.

You will have seen in the national media this week that the Government is promising that all children will return to school in September; various speculation and news will continue to emerge. The Government position is subject to change based on all sorts of things including how well or not the country and our local area are coping with the spread or containment of COVID-19, our staffing position here at Warren Wood and Aegir, and any transport-related challenges.

I have, with the support of our Governing Body, agreed that all of our pupils and students are welcome back in September 2020. To achieve this goal, our academies will be required to undertake a significant amount of work over the coming weeks. We will continue to ensure that the safety of our young people and staff is the key priority in our planning. As such, pupils and students will start back on Monday, 7th September 2020. The risks of the virus are very real. Could you please help by playing your part in following the basic hand-washing guidance, adhering to social distancing measures and keeping away from crowded areas. This will help us all to stay safe and will help to keep both academies open.

Your child's class team will be in touch over the next couple of weeks to communicate our plans regarding a return to school for your child in September. Whilst we are working towards a full return for all children, initially this may need to be staggered or phased, and we may still require a blended learning approach, for some, in the first instance. Depending upon where we find ourselves in September 2020, this could include some time in school and some time at home, but we will ensure that you have a secure and personalised plan for your child in line with the risk assessments that have taken place over the past few weeks. It could also mean that your child may be taught in a different and temporary learning space such as the main hall, dining room or office space. It is the only way we can accommodate all of our pupils and students so as to abide by our stringent requirements to keep all as safe as we can. This will be carefully planned, coordinated and communicated.

To enable our staff teams to plan for September and to prepare our sites, we have had to take the difficult decision to have a full close-down for the 6-week holiday period. Both academies will close to pupils and students at 2pm on Thursday, 16th July 2020 and for all but essential purposes from Friday, 17th July 2020 for staff.

I and my team look forward to working with you to ensure a safe return to school for your child in September.

For our leavers, we will have a formal celebration when we are able to do so. To them, I have missed you all and do wish you the very best in your next steps in life. We are here if you need us in the future.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or queries, please do not hesitate to contact enquiries@msat.education and we will arrange for the relevant member of staff to contact you.

Once again, can I thank you for your continued support, care and attention at this unprecedented time.

Take care and keep safe

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary J Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in Nixon.

Gary Nixon
Executive Principal