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6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are all really looking forward to returning to school in September. Staff in school have been working hard over the past 14 weeks to ensure that we have been able to provide continuous education for the children of our keyworkers and vulnerable pupils as well as supporting pupils with their online learning at home. The Department for Education have recently released some guidance on the re-opening of schools in September. The Senior Leadership Team are currently working in consultation with Wade Deacon Trust to put all of these plans in place. It is likely that the school day will look and feel different in September but school will continue to offer a full curriculum for our pupils. We will write to inform parents and carers of the re-opening plan closer to the time and ask for your patience whilst we work on this as a school.

School is due to re-open to pupils on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. I am sure that you are aware that our new Year 7 pupils have not had the opportunity to complete their transition days due to the current pandemic. We would very much like to make sure that these pupils get to follow an induction programme to ensure a smooth transition to The Grange Academy. With this in mind we have planned a staggered return to the secondary phase in September.

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.30am – Year 7 Pupils
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.00am – Year 11 Pupils
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.30am – All pupils

All pupils will need to return in full school uniform in September. Mr Critchley has previously communicated the expectation in terms of uniform but can I please remind you that shoes must be plain black, giant bows and big logos are not acceptable. Trainers and trainer style shoe are not accepted in school. Hair bobbles and ribbons needs to be small and navy, black or white. Piercings are not permitted in school and if your child has piercings these should be removed before September. If your child is planning on having a piercing please do this at the start of the summer holidays so that the piercing has six weeks to heal. Extreme hair styles are also not permitted in school.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of our pupils back in September. Staff have been working hard over the past few weeks to re-organised the curriculum to allow us to maintain social distancing as much as possible and also to enable pupils ease back into school life quickly and easily.

We hope you all have a safe summer break. Please remember to keep checking the school website and social media pages for updates and changes to arrangements for September.

Yours faithfully

Miss L McPartland  
Associate Principal

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