

10 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Return to College Update – Years 2, 3, 4 and 5**

I hope that you are all well and that the children settled back into their remote learning routine in Years 2-5, following a restful Exeat break.

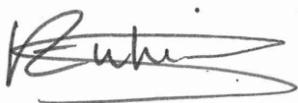
I am sure that many of you have seen the recent media coverage regarding the decision of the government to postpone the expectation that schools should reopen for pupils in Years 2 to 5 before the summer holidays. Whilst it has been indicated that schools may have the flexibility to organise a return for some of these pupils, we are currently awaiting the documentation to outline the necessary detail and guidance required in order for schools to make a firm decision as to their next steps. What seems to be clear is that the expectation remains that schools should only open to additional pupils if they are able to continue to accommodate bubble groups of fifteen, as well as the vast number of other measures currently in place.

However, I would like to reassure you that discussions are well underway in regard to what we can safely accommodate. It will, understandably, require quite considerable planning and preparation in terms of the logistics of potentially increasing the number of pupils and staff on site, particularly with a need to prevent any disruption for those pupils in school where the model and procedure in place has worked so successfully. We also need to consider how best we can support the children at home who would dearly love to be back in school to see their friends, return to their lessons, socialise and see their teachers again.

I ask for your patience this week and early next week as we work closely across the College, reviewing how phase 2 goes next week with the return of some Senior School pupils and I hope to provide you with a further update by Wednesday 17 June, once the government has released further information. When we have more specific details regarding the logistics, I will write to you to outline our plans for the final two weeks of term.

If you have any concerns you would like to make us aware of in advance or if there are any particular factors relating to your child specifically that you may need to highlight to us, do get in touch by contacting [jsoffice@sdmail.org.uk](mailto:jsoffice@sdmail.org.uk).

Yours Sincerely



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