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Dear Parent/Carer,

As previously communicated earlier in the week, the Government have provided guidance for a safe return to school in September. There is also information for parents/carers and this can be found at the link below. I hope this gives you clarity regarding what is expected of schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

We have been planning specifically with the following areas in mind:

1. School operations
2. Curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support
3. Health and safety
4. Public Health guidelines

DfE guidelines require the school to implement control measures that will influence the way school operates so that we can make daily school life as safe as possible. Some of these measures include:

- Keeping students in year group 'bubbles' in specific areas of the school.
- Maintaining social distancing with staff members.
- Staggering the beginning and the end of the school day.
- Staggering breaks and lunch so that year groups stay together.
- Adapting the school curriculum where required.

Implementing the measures will mean that there is significantly less movement around school at all times and limited interaction between year groups. Most students will remain in small areas of the school throughout the week and teachers will move area to teach instead of students moving from lesson to lesson. Some practical lessons will not be able to take place in specialist classrooms for most students and there will be some adjustments to classes and sets/groups. Year 11 will have priority when specialist rooms are required so that exam work is supported. Year groups will have different beginning and end of day times to allow staggering the number of students at those times. Break times and lunchtime will also be organised in this way to stagger times and reduce interactions.

Public Health

- Where there is a positive case of Covid-19 the Public Health local protection team will advise the school on appropriate action, which may include small groups being required to self-isolate for up to fourteen days.
- Where there are two or more confirmed cases of Covid-19 during a two week period, health protection teams may ask a larger number of other students to self-isolate at home.
- If a Covid-19 case is confirmed in school a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who have been in contact with the positive case. This could be at class, year or whole school level.

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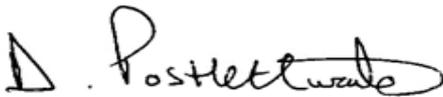


We have now missed a significant amount of school time and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school or in the case of Year 7, into your new school. Well-being support and pastoral care will be central to our work with students on return coupled with identifying gaps in learning.

We are continuing to plan and discuss some of the areas outlined in the letter and we will communicate further regarding start dates, times etc. in due course. If you have any queries or concerns please call 01270 560514 or email parent/carer@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk and we will endeavour to respond or divert to the correct staff member.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Postlethwaite', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

D Postlethwaite
Headteacher (Acting)