

Friday, 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Attendance from September 2020

A warm welcome back for what promises to be another exciting Transform year, albeit a little different to previous years.

Transform staff have worked hard over the summer to welcome **ALL** our Transform children back safely to the new academic year. It has certainly been a challenging time for the whole of our school communities. I would personally like to thank parents and carers for everything you have done to support schools in educating children remotely. However it is now time for children to return to full-time education – we are all ready for this!

It is vital that children return to minimise the long-term impact of COVID on their education, well-being and wider development. We know that they have missed their friends and the wider social aspects of school.

To aid their return a range of protective measures have been put in place; such as staggered opening and closing times, one-way systems, increased hand washing and grouping your children in “bubbles”. These are so you can be confident in sending your children back and they feel safe, whilst reducing the risk of catching and spreading COVID. I do ask that you role-model some of these safety measures both at home and most certainly if you have to come to school.

The Government has delivered a clear expectation that **ALL** children return to school in September and this is mandatory. It means all the usual legal rules apply:

- It is a parent's duty to send their children to school where they are of compulsory school age
- It is the school's responsibility to record and follow up any absence
- Legal sanctions, including penalty notices and prosecution are applicable for non-attendance

If you are worried about your child/children attending school please contact the school immediately to discuss your concerns. After so much recent disruption the important thing is that parents / carers, the school and the Trust work together to get children back to some sort of normality and back to achieving the best they possibly can.

I wish you and your children happiness and success for this new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Meredith
CEO