



Rayner Stephens

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Dear Families,

Following the government guidance for all schools reopening in September we are adapting our practices to ensure we have the appropriate systems and controls in place to both prevent and respond to any infections. This therefore means that there will be changes within school for all learners. The website will be updated towards the end of summer where we will share the parent handbook for full opening with further updates. However, I would like to share a few of the changes below.

The school day will start at 8:45 for all learners and this will begin with lesson 1. The school will only open at 8:40 to allow all learners enough time to arrive at their central points. Learners will have separate entry points and these are as follows

- Year 7 School reception
- Year 8 and 9 will enter via the side gate at Astley Sports Village
- Year 10 and 11 will use student reception.

All year groups will be taught in consistent classes. At key stage 3 they will be taught in their class bubbles for all lessons. At key stage 4 they will be taught in their class bubble with the exception of option subjects where they will be taught in their consistent subject specific groups.

All year groups will have their own learning and social zones. In addition to this there will be key stage 3 and key stage 4 toilets. The school will have two different break times and different lunch times within P4 to allow split lunches. The learning Zones are as follows;

- Year 7 – MFL/Music/Drama corridor
- Year 8 – English Corridor
- Year 9 – The block
- Year 10 – Maths corridor with access to ICT/D&T/Science laboratories for GCSEs
- Year 11 – Humanities
- Aspire Centre KS4 – Aspire Centre
- Aspire Centre KS3 – English Corridor/ Next chapter

Learners will be taught, where possible in consistent rooms with the teachers moving between zones. Learners will have central meeting points between lessons with some of these being outdoors. Therefore, we would recommend coats and umbrella's next year.

Learners will have a form of physical health and wellbeing lesson but there will be no changing rooms access. Learners will be expected to attend school in their PE kit on these days.

With reference to uniform and equipment learners will be unable to borrow equipment from September. Therefore, we will be amending the equipment requirement for all learners and this will be forwarded in due course. With regards to uniform, blazers will be required from September.

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Summer Learning

All learners have been provided with work to be completing during the summer. For the class of 2021 this is particularly important and will support them in preparing for their baseline tests which will take place during the first week back in September. Year 11 learners will be expected to attend school from Tuesday 1st of September. These tests will all be based on the content of which the learners have all been learning throughout the school year and whilst learning from home. The purpose of these tests is to determine each learner's current level of retained knowledge and understanding after such an unprecedented period of remote learning. This will then enable teachers to create a curriculum overview for Year 11 that addresses areas where knowledge hasn't been retained. Please support us by encouraging your child to complete all of the summer learning set.

The arrangements for the return to school of all learners is as follows;

Tues 1 st Sept	Inset Day 1 Year 11 in school for assessments. (Morning only)
Wed 2 nd Sept	Inset Day 2 Year 11 in school for assessments. (Morning only)
Thurs 3 rd & Fri 4 th	Year 11 in school all day Year 7 transition programme and lessons all day
Mon 7 th Sept	Years 11, 10 and 7 in school all day
Tues 8 th Sept	Years 11, 10, 8 and 7 in school all day
Wed 9 th Sept	All year groups in school as normal.

As you will appreciate there are changes to school and all learners will need an induction to develop an understanding of the changes and how to be in school safely as per government guidance.

National Standardisation Grades Day

On Thursday 20th August we will be hosting our National Standardisation Day to allow the class of 2020 to come and collect their awarded grades. Due to Covid19 restrictions, all learners have been allocated a strict time slot and there will be a one way system in place. We appreciate that this is a challenging time for the class of 2020 and learners and their families may have some questions regarding the grades allocated. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions imposed teachers will be unavailable on the day however, all learners will be able to request a call from member of the senior team that day. Local colleges will also be available to offer support with learner's next steps.

Towards the end of the summer we will write in more detail to you fully explaining the changes that will be taking place. In addition to this there will be online presentations for all learners to view prior to returning to school.

I would just like to thank both you as parents/carers and the learners for the support and approaches to learning during these unprecedented times and the significant impact it has had on our lives. I would also like to share my thanks to all staff for the extensive amount of work completed during these times.

On behalf of the school I would also like to wish our farewells and best of luck to the following staff who are leaving Rayner Stephens: Mr Jones, Mrs Oliver, Mr Lowndes, Mrs Parker and Mr Fletcher.

Finally, can I take this time to wish you all the best over the summer break and share that we will be forwarding a 'stay safe in summer' guide for all learners and this will also be available on our website.

Many thanks and best regards

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Headteacher