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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware we have begun a safe and gradual increase of students returning to the school. To enable this we have changed a great deal around the school including:

- How we start and end the day to avoid 'pinch' points. Children are now brought in by their families via the top entrance and all students transported in by taxis and minibuses are brought in via the bottom car park.
- Reducing the amount of furniture in our classrooms.
- A significant removal of resources to allow us to clean more efficiently throughout and at the end of the day.
- Changing to a one way system in our corridors for safer movement through the school.
- An increase of signage has been put up around the building reinforcing social distancing.

Not all children are returning yet and we talk about this with you in our weekly calls home. We value these calls and your reasons why it may not be the right time for your child to return. When you feel it might be this term, speak to your child's tutor. A member of the leadership team will then call you to talk through your child's risk assessment. This is to ensure we both reach a decision that school is a safe environment for them at this moment in time under the current guidance - not just physically but emotionally as well with all of the changes we have had to make.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Boris Johnson in his statement to the House, said all students would return to school in September. This is welcome news, however we have yet to receive the guidance on how this is achievable. Once this is made available, trust that we will begin work towards this. Until that point we will continue to steadily work on keeping everyone in the school community as safe as we can under the current guidance.

We will continue to provide your child's learning pack each week until the end of term as this is our current academic education offer for all. We have received some very positive feedback in our weekly calls with you about these packs such as the learning packs helping to provide a routine, an opportunity to consolidate previous learning and also to demonstrate independence in practical tasks.

As you know, if your child returns this term it is within a 'bubble'. This bubble is your child's new class albeit only a small number of students attending in the bubble at any one time based on current guidance. The staff team within the bubble are using this opportunity to get to know the students and are motivated to develop positive relationships with them to help with a successful return in September.

We are mindful of the students who have not returned at this moment in time and we would want them to have the opportunity to also begin to get to know their new teacher ahead of September, as well as giving you the opportunity to speak to them as well. With this in mind, we will be asking the current teacher, i.e. the person who has phoned you each week and prepares your child's pack, to call you **w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June** and **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July** before handing over that call to your child's new tutor for the remainder of the term. Your child's current tutor is currently in the process of writing your child's school report which will be sent home in your child's learning pack **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July**.





Your child's new tutor will call you **w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July** and **w/c 20<sup>th</sup> July**. The school term ends on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. The two calls will give you and your child an opportunity to ask questions related to the new class and share any key information including about life in lockdown and how this has impacted your child. Staff are currently taking part in a series of transition meetings to share key information to ensure they learn as much about their new students as they are able.

**To summarise key dates:**

- **w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June** - current tutor will call you and your child for your weekly call and prepare your child's pack.
- **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July** – current tutor will call you and your child for your weekly call and prepare your child's pack.
- **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July** – subject report sent home with learning packs.
- **w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July**- new tutor will call you and your child for your weekly call. You current and new tutor will co-produce the final learning pack which will include a small number of transition activities.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – our Yr 11s leave Lampard
- **w/c 20<sup>th</sup> July**- your child's new tutor will call you. You will receive the last learning pack of the term.
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Our school term ends.
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. School re-opens (guidance allowing)

I will write to you once guidance from the government is received and we have had an opportunity to thoroughly read and work on how this can be achieved.

Finally, we want to share the news that Jon Cohen, Dart's current tutor is leaving Lampard to teach Science in Ilfracombe Academy. He is a popular member of staff and we know staff, students and families will miss him but we are very happy for him and wish him the very best in his new role.

Kindest regards

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