



20 August 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope you have enjoyed the summer holiday so far and have been able to take a break and recharge after such a difficult period since March.

I am writing to confirm our intentions to open fully in September as I mentioned in my video briefing in July. There is currently no local lockdown in place in the Leeds area and if the current picture remains, then we will be opening to staff on Monday, 7 September for training purposes and then the return of students will be phased from 8 September as below:

8 September:

- Year 7.
- The new Year 12 will be welcomed to school for a meeting in the Hall as follows:
 - 10.00 am for students whose surname starts from A-L
 - 11.00 am for students whose surname starts M-Z

Following their induction to Post 16 education students will also be presented with the procedures required to maintain theirs and others safety and wellbeing at TMHS. At the end of the meeting each student will be given an individual appointment for the week of 7 September to see a Post 16 Leader to formally enrol. During that week, academic work to support transition to Post 16 study will be available via Class Charts. This is an important step to re engaging with formal education and will be submitted to teaching staff within 2 weeks and used to inform student attitude and engagement to learning.

9 September:

- Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13.

Partnership Classes with Brigshaw School: Year 12 and Year 13

Initially, for the first two weeks, all partnership classes will run remotely meaning that students will not travel between the two centres. Where students are timetabled to learn at Brigshaw they will be required to attend at TMHS in the Hall where they will access the live lesson from Brigshaw via MS TEAMS. Students are welcome to bring their own device but one will be provided if that isn't possible. We ask that students provide their own earphones. We will review this after two weeks, with a view to starting face to face teaching as soon as safely possible.



Update

Since the release of new guidance, we have worked closely with the RKL (Red Kite Learning Trust), our local governing board, our staff, headteachers in the Red Kite Alliance and local headteachers to develop our plans as we collectively interpret the new guidance.

Work has taken place over the summer period to ensure that school is ready to safely welcome our students back in September. This work has included the following measures:

- Students must arrive on time and go straight to their form room and sanitise their hands.
- Every classroom in school has sanitiser pumps at the entrance.
- Classrooms have been configured to allow for distancing of teaching staff, including removal of unnecessary furniture.
- Breaks will be staggered. Year groups will have their own designated dining area and outside space
- Students will be in Year group zones in school. They will only leave their Zone to go to break and lunch
- A detailed and thorough risk assessment is being produced, in conjunction with the Red Kite Learning Trust, which will be approved by the Trust and our local governing board.
- We have employed additional cleaning staff to ensure we can meet the enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Students will be given a PIN number to pay for lunches rather than using the biometric system. ALL payments for school meals must be done through the online payment system: scopay.com/templemoor. We cannot accept any cash in school.

Shielding

It is the expectation that all students must attend school. Some children who are no longer expected to shield, but remain under the care of a specialist health professional, may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning in September. Please inform us via info@tmhs.co.uk if this applies to your child.

Transport and Catering

Our intention is to issue more detailed information when it is available to those students who must travel by school and public transport, regarding procedures when arriving to school and travelling safely.

We will be providing grab bags and pasta pots for all year groups at lunchtimes.



Communication

We intend to communicate with all parents/carers and students during the week commencing 31 August with detailed information and routines relevant to each year group.

We recognise that the current situation may have brought different challenges to families. If there are any circumstances that you wish to share with us before the students return that would help us to provide additional support, please email info@tmhs.co.uk. Parents eligible for free school meals may apply for these via Leeds City Council.

Parents are being encouraged by the Government to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to school and re-establishing our school routines.

Yours faithfully

Mr M. West
Principal