



2 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The return to school from September 2020

You will be aware that the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, said on 19 June that the government plans for all pupils to return to school in September. He mentioned plans to extend 'bubbles' to include the whole class. Today we expect further details to be published on exactly how this will work and instructions for schools to implement.

We are really excited about seeing all our students return in September; our staff simply cannot wait, and all of us look forward to our limited time on site under current restrictions. It is such a pleasure to work with our students and for us to be back to normal in a limited but successful way.

Without seeming biased towards our current students, we are really looking forward to extending a special welcome to your son/daughter to the Plymstock family. We have really missed the opportunity to meet them on site with the current restrictions and are fully aware of the challenges they have faced completing Year 6.

I will be in touch with outline plans for the return of all our students by the end of term. We will not send further messages until we have had chance to digest the new requirements and formulate how we will implement these.

You should also be aware that there will be additional updates by the DfE in August. As I am sure you will understand, the new planning for all students to return will involve a new risk assessment and significant planning and preparation. This will cover how and when the students return, the structure of the day, how students will be taught and ensuring that our on-site facilities meet the new standards, both for Social Distancing and Hygiene.

In addition to the information we will send home at the end of the term on 17 July, we will send an additional update before we return in September and keep posting updates through our school website newsfeed.

Our continued transition support

Mrs Kirk and the transition team will continue to keep you updated on everything you need to do to prepare for September. What I can say is that we are planning for their induction on site within whatever context and restrictions we are to work under. They will meet their new tutors and teachers, and have the opportunity to make friends.

Most importantly, we are working in partnership with all our primary feeders to ensure we have up-to-date and relevant information on your son/daughter so they can make the best possible start to their secondary schooling.

However, six weeks is a long time, so if you feel you need to update us on any changes, please email: support@plymstockschool.org.uk

We will also add any further updates to our Transition webpage, a one-stop shop to help you find all the information in one place. The link is: <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/plymstock-transition-year-7-2020/>

We are all very much in this together and we are planning to support all and provide opportunities for additional support wherever this is needed, both educationally and emotionally.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Pearsall', written over a faint horizontal line.

Rob Pearsall
HEADTEACHER