



2 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome – Start of Term Arrangements

I do hope that you have managed to have an enjoyable summer break. We were certainly fortunate this year to enjoy long periods of warm and dry weather, which always makes this period much more fun!

I would like to take the opportunity to provide you with some key reminders and updated information prior to welcoming all our fantastic students back over the course of next week.

Start of Term 2022-2023

We have excitedly and busily been preparing to welcome our newest students to Plymstock School. **This is a reminder that Year 7 and Year 12 return on Monday 5 September.** They will be the only students in school on that day and this will allow us to fully support their transition into their new school community.

The following day, Tuesday 6 September, we welcome back all our students from Year 8 to Year 11, as well as Year 13.

The expectation is that students arrive to school by no later than 8.40am, ready for tutor lesson which starts at 8.45am. We really value the importance of punctuality; we believe this is a positive habit to develop, so I ask for your support in ensuring that your child/ren arrive to school on time.

Amendment of Structure of the Day

I would like to make you aware that we have made some slight amendments to the structure of our school day; I believe this will provide our students with an improved school experience. We have reduced second break (lunch break) by 10 minutes. This time has been included in tutor time, which will increase from 15 minutes to 25 minutes (8.45am-9.10am).

Students will have two breaks of 30 minutes each day. Break 1 will be from 11.10am - 11.40am and Break 2 from 1.40pm - 2.10pm. We are currently looking at ways to provide additional indoor dining space, outdoor seating areas and a third food outlet.

Finally, I am fully aware of the possible challenges that many of our children and their families may be facing or will be facing due to the impact of the current climate around increased costs of living, fuel prices and an increase in bills. I passionately believe that Plymstock School has a critical role to play as a member of the community and we would encourage any parent/carer to contact us if they have any concerns or would like to look into support that we may be able to offer.

I close by taking the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Plymstock School. I am very excited to welcome back all our students next week as we look forward to another year of opportunity and challenge.

Yours faithfully

Alan Yendell
Headteacher