

9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

We are absolutely delighted that the government have issued their guidance for the full opening of school from September. You may rest assured that your children will be able to access the full curriculum, that we have in place a rigorous risk assessment and that the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We are fortunate at LCH to have only three year groups in September as this does assist with a safer one way movement around the building and social distancing. We have three entrances and three stairways which all helps us to maintain three year group bubbles.

We do require your support though in the following ways:

- Please encourage your child to walk or cycle to school. If you live at a significant distance from the school and your child requires to travel on the school bus please ensure that they have a face mask and sit with their own year group. Transport for Greater Manchester are not in a position to inform schools of their transport provision before the end of term so we will post information on our website as soon as we have received an update. If you do need to bring your vehicle on site please be very mindful that the Nursery children will be leaving at 3pm and may be crossing the car park with their parents.
- Please make sure that your child brings all their own equipment to school. Ideally we do not want to be sharing resources such as pens, pencils, calculators etc.
- Electives will not be operating in the widest sense for the first half term. There will be sessions led by LCH staff only to Year bubbles. Most of these will be to provide academic recovery for those who require it most urgently.
- Please provide your child with a full water bottle. Water fountains will not be available in school initially but we are hopeful that they will be able to be used soon.
- Please send your child in to school with a packed lunch for the first full day – Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Aspens, our school catering company, will be operating from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We may need to impose a rota for Year bubbles to access the dining hall to ensure bubbles stay separate. More information about this in September.
- Hand washing and sanitising will be very regularly promoted so you may wish to provide your child with some moisturiser if felt necessary.
- Please do not send your child into school if they are experiencing symptoms or someone in the household is.
- Please advise us if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable or you believe your child is at a higher risk as defined by the government guidelines.
- Parents are not allowed to come into the building so if you do, as an emergency, need to pick up or drop off a message please come to the main school reception.

Inevitably there will be some alterations to our behaviour code. Our expectations are that students should not be in physical contact with each other and to this end no contact sports will be played.

All previous uniform rules apply and we will continue to have high expectations. Students will be expected to adhere to these standards and continue to take pride in their appearance, this includes the journey to and from school. Please ensure that students have the correct uniform, including shoes, which are in line with our policy. For further support and queries, parents and carers should check our policy and uniform page on the school website.

Please also ensure that students return to school with suitable haircuts in line with school policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn and students should not have fresh ear piercings. Students should also continue to not wear any make up or false eye lashes to school. Acrylic nails are not allowed in school, neither is the wearing of nail varnish. Nails should be kept to a sensible length that will not affect participation in PE or practical subjects.

To allow us to orientate the students in September we are having staged times for each year group on **Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Year 7.** Arrive by 8.20am and enter school by the door by the Sports Hall. Depart school 10.15am.

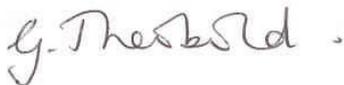
**Year 8.** Arrive by 10.45 and enter school by the Cheadle Entrance – by the side of school in the playground. Depart school at 12.45.

**Year 9.** Arrive at school by 1.15pm and enter school by the Bruntwood Entrance – at the back of school. Depart school at 3.15pm.

As you may be aware LCH closes at 12.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> July. I hope all families have a good break and stay safe. Please remind students about the importance of staying safe online and remember you can refer to our website for more support and guidance with this.

Please do not hesitate to get back to us at school should you have any questions regarding this information.

Stay safe and kind regards



**Mrs G Theobald**

**Head of School**