



PARENT NEWSLETTER

I trust this newsletter finds you well and I hope you managed to make the most of a sunny half term break. I am pleased to write with an update following the letter from myself and Mr Smith, Chair of Governors, on 22nd May 2020 which you can access by clicking [here](#). I would like to thank you all for your support at this difficult time as we manage the specific challenges we face at The Lakes School. We received a number of lovely messages from parents and we just wanted to let you know that your kindness and understanding at this time is very much appreciated.



As we return from the May half term, we enter the second phase of our work to remotely support children and families. There is much to do this half term and we felt that it was important to set out for all parents what the next few weeks will feel like and to share with you the timescale for some key actions ahead of the end of term on 17th July 2020. During June and July, we will be focussing on the following key areas,

1. Reinvigorate and enhance our remote learning provision for each of our classes
2. Enhance our pastoral support through our Form Tutor network
3. Reinvigorate and enhance support for our most vulnerable students and families
4. Recognise the achievements and commitment of our students so that they finish the year still feeling connected to life at The Lakes School
5. Prepare the school for the possibility of welcoming students back in September 2020

You will see from our intentions above that children and families remain the key focus of our work as we prepare for the new school year in September. You will no doubt be asking, 'what are we preparing for?' This is a very good question!

There seem to be three distinct possibilities regarding September, two of which will be familiar to us all. The first possibility is that the school remains closed and we continue with remote learning and our remote support for families. Naturally, we hope this is not the case but there are already countries around the world who are now closing schools again following the relaxation of social distancing rules and we must be prepared for this possibility. The second is that the school is able to open as normal, to welcome back all of our students and staff and to return to as near normal a routine as possible right from our first day of term which is scheduled for 2nd September 2020. Whilst this second possibility would be fantastic, I am sure you would agree that this seems unlikely at the moment. The third possibility is that we are able to open to certain students on certain days and to carefully balance social distancing alongside timetabled lessons. This is where we are focussing our efforts during the next seven weeks as there is much work to do for us to collectively understand how the school will operate in each of our subject areas and also in main areas of circulation.

We will continue to stay in touch with parents and students as things ebb and flow during the weeks ahead and we hope that the schedule on page two of this newsletter provides you with some security about many of our key areas of work. Whilst the list is by no means exhaustive, we felt that it was important to keep you informed. We are working hard to continue our support for your child and we would encourage you to get in touch with your child's Form Tutor if you would like any specific help regarding their learning or pastoral needs. In closing, we would like to share with you our very best wishes and we hope that you and your family are able to stay safe and well.

Andy Cunningham



Schedule for June and July 2020

Week beginning 1st June

- Remote learning and pastoral support continues.
- Finalise whole school risk assessment following DfE guidance.
- Finalise pastoral action plan to support students, families and staff returning after school closure.
- Carry out transition conversations with primary schools regarding Year 6 students.

Week beginning 8th June

- Remote learning and pastoral support continues.
- Subject leaders and wider staff work on risk assessments for classrooms and wider school.
- Year 7 teachers enhance contact with parents in line with planned parents evening this week.
- Finalise arrangements for enhancing Y10 and Y12 provision in July.
- Carry out transition conversations with primary schools regarding Year 6 students.

Week beginning 15th June

- Remote learning and pastoral support continues.
- Subject leaders and wider staff work on risk assessments for classrooms and wider school.
- Letter to parents re arrangements for Wellness Week 22nd June 2020.
- Letter to Y10 and Y12 parents about arrangements for enhanced remote learning in July.
- Finalise tutor group arrangements for Year 6 children.

Week beginning 22nd June

- Wellness Week for students; remote learning ceases for this week.
- Pastoral support continues.
- Form Tutors enhance support to tutees.
- Finalise practicalities of managing students in school in preparation for September.

Week beginning 29th June

- Remote learning and pastoral support continues.
- First week of enhanced remote learning for Y10 and Y12 students.

Week beginning 6th July

- Remote learning and pastoral support continues.
- Second week of enhanced remote learning for Y10 and Y12 students.

Week beginning 13th July

- Remote learning winds down this week.
- Form Tutor contact and support continues making final contact before summer break.
- Postal rewards and awards sent out to students.
- Letter to parents with final update about provisional arrangements for results days and for September.

August

School monitors Covid-19 developments and provides updates to staff and parents as needed.

A-Level results day 9.00-12.00 Thursday 13th August 2020.

GCSE results day 9.00-12.00 Thursday 20th August 2020.

September

1st September 2020 Staff Training Day

2nd September 2020 Scheduled as first day of autumn term