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24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on our ways of working from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (after half term).

As you will be aware, we are currently operating in year group “bubbles” with all pupils remaining in the same class and in the same seat, with teachers travelling to each class. Prior to the pandemic, you will be aware that pupils would ordinarily move between lessons and travel to faculty areas.

I am delighted to let you know we will be taking small steps to transition back to our normal way of working and from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, pupils will be moving around the site to their respective faculty areas to be taught by their teachers. Although this may sound like a big change, I am really pleased that the Department for Education’s guidance is fully supportive of schools doing this but I wanted to highlight with you some key ways we are currently working that will remain the same. We are very fortunate that the TNA site is set out so that movement between lessons largely takes place outside, where the research shows that there is limited transmission of COVID-19, if at all.

Key points I wanted to highlight:

- The start and end time for each year group will remain the same, as well as entry and exit points.
- Pupils will still be taught in their current classes, with the same seating plan being adopted in all classrooms they go to.
- Pupils will remain in “bubbles” with their year group, and will spend break and lunch time with this group, in the same area.
- Desks will be sanitised between lessons and enhanced cleaning of toilet areas and touch points will continue throughout the day.
- Pupils will be able to bring their books and folders back and forth to school as they did before because they are their own belongings.

There are so many benefits to us being able to do this and there will be a particularly positive impact on specialist subjects such as Creative and Performance where we will now be able to teach in specialist areas such as Drama. I also feel that we need to support our younger pupils ahead of September if we are to return to our normal way of operating as they currently only work in one area of the school site.

I will be running assemblies this week for pupils to go through this change and the finer detail on what will happen when they return from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We will also be providing Year 7 and our more vulnerable pupils with a tour of the site this week as they will not be aware of where certain faculties are based.

Please do contact me should you need to. As ever, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this time and I am looking forward to finally begin to transition back to normal life safely and ensuring that we take it one step at a time.

Yours sincerely



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