

THOMAS JONES

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Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday 7th September

'In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on'

Robert Frost

With the wise words of poet Robert Frost very much in mind, it is not possible to accurately forecast how the pandemic will develop over the course of the next two months but at this juncture and in-line with the government's direction of travel, the expectation is that all pupils will return to Thomas Jones on Monday 7th September. The notions of recalibration and 'normality' resonate. I will write again in the next few days, specifically in regard to uniform and in particular with details as to when the school shop will re-open. Rest assured, we'll organise this in such a way that there is ample opportunity to purchase what is needed for the start of the autumn term. In advance, when buying shoes for your child, please ensure they are entirely plain in design, black and with no stripes, patterns, adornments or protrusions. Crudely, the simpler and more utilitarian they are, the better.

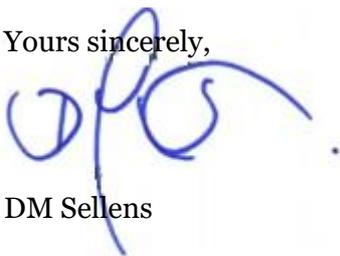
To Recalibrate

Information in regard to the arrangements for forthcoming transition and orientation mornings/afternoons for pupils in Year 1 to Year 5 is attached. Ideally, the above will take place in our grounds. If inclement, we will ensure that pupils socially distance appropriately in the hall. Your child's class teacher will, alongside Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and myself, afford expert guidance that pertains to how best to utilise the month of August in preparation for the start of the 2020/2021 school year. The children will also meet the staff who will be teaching them in September.

Heartfelt Farewell

At the end of next month, we will say a heartfelt farewell to Ms Lucy Bramhall. Although she has agreed to afford a modicum of support in September, July 17th will technically be her last day. One of my first newly qualified teacher appointments, it is no exaggeration to say that over the last decade Lucy has played a key part in our success. Her insight, rigour and exceptional intellect are second-to-none. Frustratingly, in more recent years, Lucy has been spread thinly, leading the Teaching School venture, the curriculum project and supporting colleagues about a myriad of matters that pertain to the budget, salaries and appraisal, all of which have been executed with such aplomb. Positively, Lucy will shortly join the governing body.

Yours sincerely,



DM Sellens

Organisation for Transition/Orientation/Introductions/Summer Homework

Friday 17 th July		
9.00 – 10.00	Year 1	Ms Molly Manners (9.00-9.30), Ms Melissa Kiley (9.30-10.00), Mr David Sellens & Ms Lindsay Johnson
11.00 – 12.00	Year 2	Ms Zoe Byrne (11.00-11.30), Mr Scott Gourley (11.30- 12.00), Mr David Sellens & Ms Lindsay Johnson
1.00 – 2.00	Year 3	Mr Scott Gourley (1.00-1.30), Ms Verity Handyside (1.30-2.00), Mr David Sellens & Ms Lindsay Johnson
Monday 20 th July		
9.00 – 10.30	Year 5	Mr Jason Dass, Mr David Sellens, Ms Lindsay Johnson & Ms Emma Jones
11.30 – 12.30	Year 4	Ms Verity Handyside (11.30-12.00), Mr George Plumridge (12.00-12.30), Mr David Sellens & Ms Lindsay Johnson

- Pupils should arrive and enter the school via the main entrance on St Mark's Road, two metres apart, have their temperature taken, have the soles of their shoes sprayed and wash their hands in a disinfectant solution. They are expected to dress as they would were it a non-uniform day – in other words, casually smart.
- Parents will not be permitted to enter the site and should return promptly to collect their child at the designated time (see above).
- Meetings will take place in our large playground, with chairs set up to ensure social distancing. If the weather is inclement, the hall will be arranged in a similar way, with all doors and windows open.
- After each meeting, chairs will be deep cleaned by the site manager.
- Both pupils and staff should promptly depart the site when their part of the meeting is finished and should not enter any other areas of the building. No additional conversations with children or parents can/should, on this occasion, take place.