



July 3rd 2020

Dear Parents, carers and students,

As ever I trust you are fit and well. Yesterday we received guidance from the Government regarding the full opening of schools in September. We are in the process of evaluating the implications of this advice and if you would like to read it yourself here's the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Translating this guidance into best practice will be one of our priorities over the next few weeks. Furthermore, experience has taught us all that government guidance changes because of Covid 19 so please expect updates over August. In the meantime, I am really pleased to get the green light to start September with full attendance. However, there will of course be some logistical challenges.

In one of my previous letters to you I referenced the Year 6 into Y7 Induction video that we were preparing which included some excellent contributions from current and previous students. If you would like to see this-if only to relive your own experience of induction, please follow these links.

- Pupil Induction: <https://sway.office.com/HN3uq0relDWeEg2P?ref=Link&loc=play>
- Parent Induction: <https://sway.office.com/Eddg39izhAul7CSB?ref=Link&loc=play>

On Wednesday we carried out our virtual Tutorial Day which I know staff here welcomed and I hope you also found it useful. The approach for Y10 was slightly different as we focused more on providing information regarding next year's option subjects. If any students were unable to access the online Y9 Transition Day we can provide them with a virtual tour of the Upper site, the Y9 transition booklet and material from the virtual teacher sessions that were run for the Foundation Option subjects. Please contact Mr Jones [p.jones@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:p.jones@bridgewaterhigh.com) if you require this information.

Last week I also said that we are keen-subject to all the safety measures, to bring back more students from Years 7, 8 & 9 where we safely can before the end of term, something we are uniquely placed to do because we are a split site school. The response has been really positive and if you replied to the survey and said you wanted a session:

- you will receive a personalised letter from Mrs Hatton before the end of this week if you are in Years 7 or 8
- you will receive a personalised letter from Mr Powell before the end of this week if you are in Year 9

Traditionally today is Warrington Walking Day and our final INSET Day of the year. Our INSET Day is going ahead as we plan for both the end of term and September. I do hope that it has been a productive and enjoyable day for you too. Let's hope it stops raining so that we can all enjoy the weekend. As ever, stay safe. Here's the link to the slightly updated video version of this letter: <https://youtu.be/MT9-kGD9OQs>

Regards

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