



# AVANTI FIELDS

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Dear Parents

I hope you are all safe and well. This has been a difficult week for us all in Leicester with the announcement that the city should continue an extended lockdown. With so much new uncertainty and increased worry it can be hard to look forward positively and confidently and I am reminded of the words of Khalil Gibran.

“anxiety does not come from thinking about the future, but from wanting to control it”

As a great writer of lists and action plans both at home and at school, I appreciate that having hold of some element of the future brings order and calm, and I am sure many of us relate to the comfort that planning and preparing can have when around us is uncertainty and change. With this in mind I want to share what clarity I can for the start of term in the hope it helps us all plan for a better time. The planned first day for students will be as follows;

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – Year 7 only

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 – Year 7 only

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Year 7 and Year 8 only

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020– Year 7, 8 and 9

Bus routes have been designed and we await timings from Confidence. We will share which routes have been allocated to students next week, before the end of term. It has been more complex this year to design routes, given the impact the current crisis has had on businesses, but we will get as much information to you as soon as possible.

Despite all the worries, I know that there is a genuine excitement on the part of staff and students for the return to school, tempered with understandable caution, and we welcome the DFE advice on how schools should return and will ensure that all actions are in place for a safe return. We are working on the detail of our strategy and hope to share outline plans in the next week. Given the shortness of time before the end of term you will appreciate that further communications will need to come out over the holiday period, particularly with regards to the particular circumstances in Leicester. We plan in the optimistic assumption that Leicester will be in line with the rest of the country, however if we are given different news our plans may need to change.

Within the guidance, the government has also clarified that uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often or differently than usual. Correct uniform is an important element of readiness for learning at Avanti Fields and we will expect students to be full in uniform, including tie and blazers from the start of term. If new uniform is needed I would encourage parents to purchase through Brigade as soon as possible to allow for any delays they may be experiencing.

Over the last few days we have been heartened to see the photos, recordings and news of what our students have been enjoying during enrichment challenge week. We knew our young people would grasp the change and we will be sharing and celebrating their achievement next week. We also want to encourage them to look to the future. Mr Kachhela has been sharing a range of online careers talks with a wide range of inspiring, motivating talks to engage and challenge. Please encourage your son or daughter to follow the links and find out more about how they could become the next diplomat, polar explorer or poet!

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Finally, looking even further in the future, I can share the latest photos of the site which show what will be a magnificent building, start to take shape. A hopeful image of a future we can all look forward to.



Do stay safe and well.

Emma Taplin  
Principal