

## Information for parents of year 7 students joining us in September

School will open to all year groups, including our new year 7 students, as originally planned, at 8.45am on **Thursday 3rd September**.

We will provide detailed information, by e-mail, in late August, taking account of any developments over the summer.

We already know, however, that we will have to operate a little differently when we first open. This different way of operating should be easier for our new students, as they do not know the normal way. Students have also become used to operating in a “bubble” arrangement in primary school.

To allow you to plan, the key differences are outlined below:

We are waiting for confirmation of school bus arrangements from Derbyshire County Council. It seems likely that there may be limited capacity on some routes. Once we receive information from the council, we will pass it on to you. Our current understanding is that the High Peak public bus services from Glossop will operate as normal.

We will maintain our normal school times, 8.45am until 3.00pm.

Students will enter the school building through different entrances depending on their year group. We are giving year 7 the simplest option, they will enter through the main, normal school entrance.

Tutor groups will be year based, not mixed year. Therefore, the teaching class your child is in will also be their tutor group.

Each student in year 7 will stay in a “home room”, with their class, for most lessons. They will leave this room to attend some specialist lessons (technology, drama etc.). This arrangement will probably prove easier for year 7 than the normal arrangement.

There will be a strict one-way system operating in the school building.

We will not be serving food before school or at break. There will be a limited range of food, including hot food, at lunchtime. We will be encouraging students to bring packed lunches. Year 7 must bring a packed lunch on the first day, as, without an induction day, their fingerprints will not have been added to our catering payment system.

We will not be running any after school clubs or school activities at first. The learning support breakfast club and learning support extended day will not operate.

Students will be expected to wear full uniform.

We are delighted that our new year 7 students should have a fairly normal start to their secondary education. We are very much looking forward to having them in school in September.