

23 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Re-opening of School to Year 7 students.

Since the 15 June 2020 Heron Hall Academy has been open to Year 10 students and the attendance has been very good.

From Monday 6th July 2020 Heron Hall Academy will be re-opening to Year 7 students. We are conscious that the sudden lockdown of schools has affected a vital progression of students' academic and personal development of which the early year of secondary education plays a role. We are very keen to bridge that gap.

- Year 7 students will be taught in a class of no more than 15 students.
- Student will be receiving lessons in a variety of subjects but there will be no practical lessons.
- Lessons will be 45 minutes' long
- Student will be expected in school every day unless they are ill
- The length of the day will be from 9.15am to 3pm

We ask that your child arrives at 9.15am, it is important that they do not arrive earlier than this. Upon arrival to school they will be directed to the Mega lab where they will be asked to wash their hands. They will then make their way to the Sports Hall which has been set out with desks 2m apart from each other for a short assembly by their Head of Year.

Students will stay in the same teaching room, seat and group for their lessons throughout the day. Teachers will then come to the classroom to deliver lessons to the students.

Over the past few weeks we have all been working very hard to carry out very detailed risk assessments and put in place all possible measures to ensure everyone's safe return to school. We have worked very closely with the other schools in our Trust, as well as speaking to other schools in the borough, to ensure we have best practice measures in place.

In re-opening we will be guided by two absolutely critical key principles:



The obligation to ensure the safety, welfare and well-being of pupils, parents and staff; and making the best possible decisions based on the evidence we have and within the constraints and parameters, we face in our school.

Extensive plans are therefore being put in place to ensure the safety of every student, teacher and staff member. Some of these include:

- A maximum class size of 15
- Handwashing at points of entry
- Cleaning of classroom areas and other surfaces between lessons
- Spacing of students within the classroom – your child will sit in the same seat throughout the day
- Social distancing measures
- Designated entry and exit points into the school
- Designated seating in the classroom
- Use of hand sanitizer outside of the classroom
- Signage to remind about handwashing and keeping a 2 metre social distance at all time

A personalised timetable has been created for your child with the day that they should attend school.

Arrival and Departure from school

Students should arrive through the normal main school gate and leave via Belling Crescent. **Students should ensure that they are in school uniform** (blazers are not needed at this time). A packed lunch and water will be provided for your student at lunch time.

Covid symptoms

Any students and staff who present with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated prior to being sent home. They will then be required to take a test and can only come back to school once we have seen a negative test result. If the test is positive they will need to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days and pupils within their bubble will also have to self-isolate as a precautionary measure for 14 days.

After the 14 days the student or adult will be retested and can only return to school once the test is negative. By agreeing to send your child back to school you are agreeing to have them tested should they develop any Covid-19 symptoms. Students will not be allowed back in school until parents/carers provide us with the negative result.



Home learning

In the meantime, please encourage your child to keep accessing the work from the school website or from the work books that were supplied to families. You should have also received a letter outlining the introduction of the use of Goggle Classroom to support your child learning. I do understand it is not the ideal method for them to learn but we will do our best to bridge the gap in their learning through these small group lessons.

Please note that returning to school at this time is not compulsory. It is your decision.

Thank you for all the support and motivation you have provided to keep students on task during these challenging times.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher

Heron Hall Academy

