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Dear (current) Year 8 Parent/Carer

School opening September 2020

I hope that you and your families are all well and keeping safe.

We are delighted to announce that, based on the latest Government guidance, we will be reopening the Academy to all students as of the beginning of next academic year - September 2020 – subject to approval from our Active Learning Trust Board. As I am sure you are aware, we have remained open for a number of students with key worker parents during the whole of lockdown and provided several different learning platforms for all students too. However, there is nothing like having our whole school community together and we at Neale Wade are extremely excited for our September 'restart'.

Please find key information below in regards September opening. **At the heart of all plans devised, the health and safety of all our community - students, their families and staff alike – is of paramount importance.** We have used the current Government guidance, Public Health England (PHE) endorsed 'system of controls', to ensure all safety measures are in place and ask that all parents/carers discuss our safety measures with their children before September commences. Should it be necessary, we will provide further information after the Government announces the latest education provision update on 11 August.

Points of Contact:

At Neale Wade we operate on a 'School Within a School' model, meaning that each year group has a number of key people to support them academically and pastorally at all times. A member of the Senior Leadership Team supports the Progress Leader and Pastoral Assistant. First point of contact for each student however, is their form tutor, whom they will see every day.

Year 9 Team:

SLT Mr Mac Manus – Progress Leaders Mrs Harte & Mrs Chegwiddden – Pastoral Assistant
Mrs Mitchell – Form Tutor

Year Group 'Bubbles':

Based on current Government guidance, each year group will be in their year group 'bubble'. We have created a suitable timetable and site map to ensure we meet all safety

guidelines whilst also continue to offer a full broad and balanced curriculum for each student. Each year group will spend all lessons in their assigned 'Hub', will have staggered start and finish times as well as staggered breaks and lunches.

Year 9 Bubble:

Start Date	Wednesday 9 September 2020
School Start time	8.30am
School Finish time	3.05pm
Hub Area	Science Block

On arrival to the Academy, students must go directly to their allocated Hub. If waiting for a bus after school, students are asked to wait at the relevant bus bay as normal, but maintain social distancing measures and remain within their bubbles.

Health & Safety:

As with the 'bubbles' created, we will insist that all students and staff adhere to the strict Health and Safety guidance to keep our whole community safe. Our classrooms and hub areas have been redesigned to meet the safety criteria, and our site team will provide regular and thorough cleaning at all key sites throughout the school day, as well as before and after the day. The provisions below, although not exhaustive, form part of our safety plan:

Hand sanitising	Each Hub area will have designated hand sanitising stations which staff and students will be required to use between all lessons, breaks and lunches.
Uniform	Students are still required to wear full Neale Wade uniform each day. PE kit must also be brought in for days where it is timetabled.
Equipment	Neale Wade will provide each student with a free stationery pack at the beginning of the term. Students must take responsibility for their stationery pack, and should they lose it, they will be asked to pay for a new one.
Behaviour	as per our updated Behaviour for Learning policy (<i>see website for full policy</i>), all students must conduct themselves in a controlled and appropriate manner at all times following the key principles of being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. Any form of misbehaviour will not be tolerated, and dealt with accordingly. This includes, but is not exclusive to, non-adherence to any of our health and safety measures.

*Please bear in mind that, all of the above safety procedures have been put in place **to protect everyone: students and their families, staff and their families and ultimately our wider community.** Any student that cannot adhere to our safety measures, will put themselves and others at risk, so we must ensure that all our students, families and staff alike are fully aware of how to act appropriately.*

Summer 'Optional' Learning:

We understand and appreciate, that all families have had different challenges to contend with throughout this period of time. This has been the same in regards to accessing home learning which is why Neale Wade have tried to offer a range of learning platforms throughout lockdown to cater for our broad and varied community of learners. Our

YouTube channel has proved one of these successful platforms, so we will continue to run this over the summer for our Key Stage 3 students. A summer playlist for Year 8 students is available, with four lessons per subject accessible over the summer. The link will be emailed on Friday 17 July with the full playlist available. The links will also be available via the *Quick Links* section on our website.

Again, we understand the different situations families and students have faced through this time. Equally, we appreciate that everyone needs some form of break over the summer. Therefore, these tasks are optional, and there to support your learning should you so wish. Any completed work should be stored and returned to teachers in September as staff will not be contactable over the summer.

We will provide a more comprehensive update, with full plans in our Return to Academy booklet, two weeks before our September return after the latest Government recommendations are released mid-August.

Our aim is to allow all Neale Wade students to enjoy, flourish and thrive academically and as young citizens locally and beyond. We will do this in the safest way possible, and your mutual support allows this to happen.

Have an enjoyable, restful and safe summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Rowland', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Rowland
Co-Head of School