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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

School opening September 2020

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

First off, to our new intake of Year 7 students, welcome!

Although your Year 6 experience has been different from the norm, and has indeed provided many challenges for you and your family, we intend to make your transition into Neale Wade as comfortable as possible. If you have not already done so, please have a look at our Year 6 Transition Information on our website <https://www.neale-wade.org/page/?title=Year+6+transition&pid=277> which includes a Virtual Tour and Virtual presentation from students and staff respectively.

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, but 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 7 Team:

SLT Mr Crawley – Progress Leader Mr Tuffin – Pastoral Assistant Mr Ayres – 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 7 Bubble:

Start Date Monday 7 September 2020

School Start time 8.30am

School Finish time 3.05pm

Hub Area Humanities Block

On arrival at 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.*

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 be 'JRS', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Rowland
Co-Head of School