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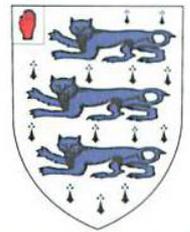
THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure many of you will be aware that last week (Thursday 2nd July) the government published its guidance for the full re-opening of schools in September 2020. The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Although we are very early on in our considerations and planning for how this will look at Thomas Adams School, and there is a lot of work to be done between now and September, I would just like to confirm that we are planning to have all of our pupils return to school on a full-time basis.

Inevitably, school will need to be different in order to maintain social distancing for the safety of pupils and staff. Therefore, we intend to minimise both the movement of pupils around the building and also the interaction between year groups. We will be establishing rules which enable pupils and staff to observe social distancing, we will facilitate regular and co-ordinated hand sanitising, and we will complete extensive risk assessments for all activities and areas. On top of this, I would like to reassure parents that we will continue to provide the highest quality education for all of our pupils during this challenging time.

It is clear that pupils, staff and parents need to work together to make the return to full-time education as smooth and successful as possible.

In September, we will have Year 7 pupils who will be new to Thomas Adams, Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils who have been learning remotely for over a term, and a large number of Year 11 pupils who have had some core subject learning days this term. Therefore, the complexity of introducing all pupils back into school will require a staggered start. We will need to effectively communicate new routines and procedures with each year group, and this may need to be spread over more than one day. I will write again at the end of term to give you an update with further details on how the school will operate from September, and there will be further written communication before the term starts in September to confirm arrangements.

It has been lovely to see some students back in both school and sixth form this term, even if it has been a limited experience. I know that staff are very keen to see students back at school, and we will do everything we can to ensure that their return is a safe and positive experience.

Best wishes

Mark Cooper
Headteacher

